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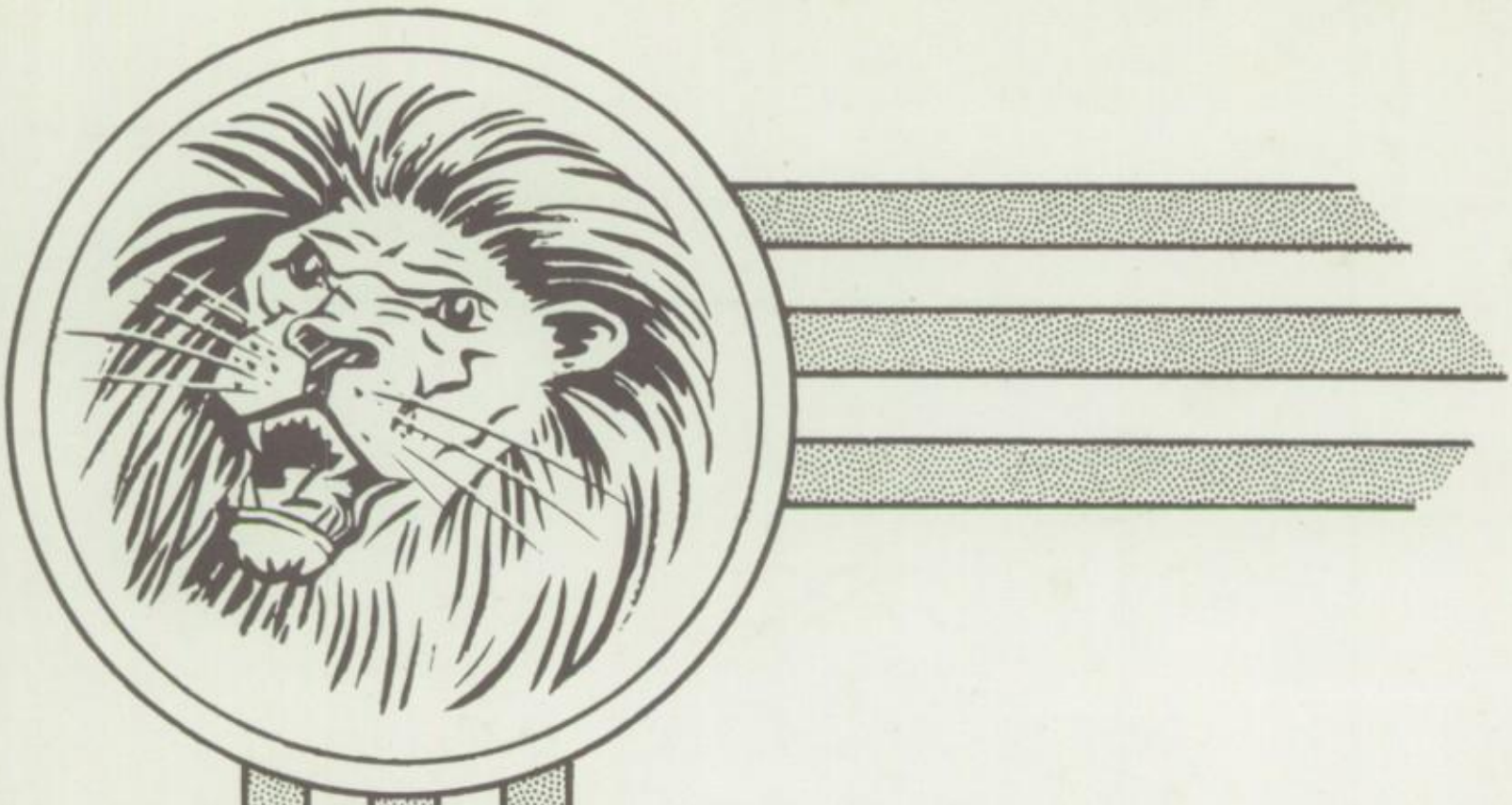

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Foreword

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We, The Lion staff, are proud to present to you our 1955 annual. This book has caught glimpses here and there, so that in years to come the activities of the school year at Langston will not fade from memory. In later years, while turning these pages, if you should recall the many smiles, sorrows and dreams of '55, we shall be content, knowing that we have done the thing we were called upon to do.

Dedication

To one who has long deserved the honor, we wish to dedicate THE LION. It is but an humble effort to show our appreciation for her many years of hard work and leadership.

Never before has there been anyone who was more worthy than MRS. VERA B. MURPHY, and we only wish that there was something even greater that we could do to express our heartfelt thanks to her for helping make Langston High School a better and more outstanding school.

Dear Seniors,

It is with a deep feeling of happiness and a sense of regret that I congratulate you for having attained the honor of High School Graduates. I am exceedingly happy that you have come thus far but regretful of having such fine, young men and women divorced from our school family. Nevertheless, this is an integral process of life which indicates a level of achievement.

The road to success is seldom an easy one. But, he who has never known adversity, is but half acquainted with others or with himself. Constant success shows us but one side of the world. For, as it surrounds us with friends, who will tell us only our merits, so it silences those enemies from whom, alone, we can learn our defects.

Success to each of you,

John H. Byrd, Jr.

Faculty

OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Vera B. Murphy
Guidance
Dramatics
Language Arts
A. B., North Carolina College
M. A., Columbia University

OUR SCHOOL SECRETARY

Ruth F. Allen
B. S., Hampton Institute

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Sue Hughes
Class of '56

HOWARD W. ALLEN
Basketball Coach
Physical Education
B. S., Hampton Institute
M. A., New York University

MILDRED G. ALLEN
Natural Science
B. S., A.&T. College
M. A., New York University

ALMEDA H. BANNER
English
B. S., Hampton Institute

CLARA M. CHANEY
Home Economics
B. S., West Virginia State

CARRIE H. COLEMAN
English
B. S., Wilberforce University

DOROTHY L. DAVIS
Commercial
B. S., Tennessee A&I State University

THELMA E. DIXON
English, Latin
B. A., Virginia Union University

FRANKLYN O. GUNN
Music
B. S., Virginia State

DOROTHY O. HARRIS
Social Science
B. A., Virginia State
M. S., Virginia State

WILBERT P. HARRIS
Industrial Arts
B. S., Virginia State

ELLA D. IVY
Mathematics
Guidance
A. B., Fisk University

IVA O. JONES
Mathematics
B. S., Hampton Institute

LAWRENCE E. KNIGHT
Natural Science
B. S., Virginia State

RUTH M. LANGHORNE
Home Economics
B. S., West Virginia State
M. S., New York University

ENESHEL R. LOGAN
Librarian
A. B., Shaw University
B. L. S., North Carolina State

THEODORE MANLY
Football Coach
Science
B. S., Hampton Institute

HORTENSE MARTIN
Commercial Education
B. S., North Carolina State

ROBERT B. McDOWELL
Natural Science
B. S., Elizabeth City State Teacher's College

JAQUELINE MOFFITT
Physical Education
B. S., A.&T. College

WESLEY H. MOTLEY
Industrial Arts
B. S., A.&T. College

LOLA L. THORNTON
Mathematics
B. S., Virginia Union University

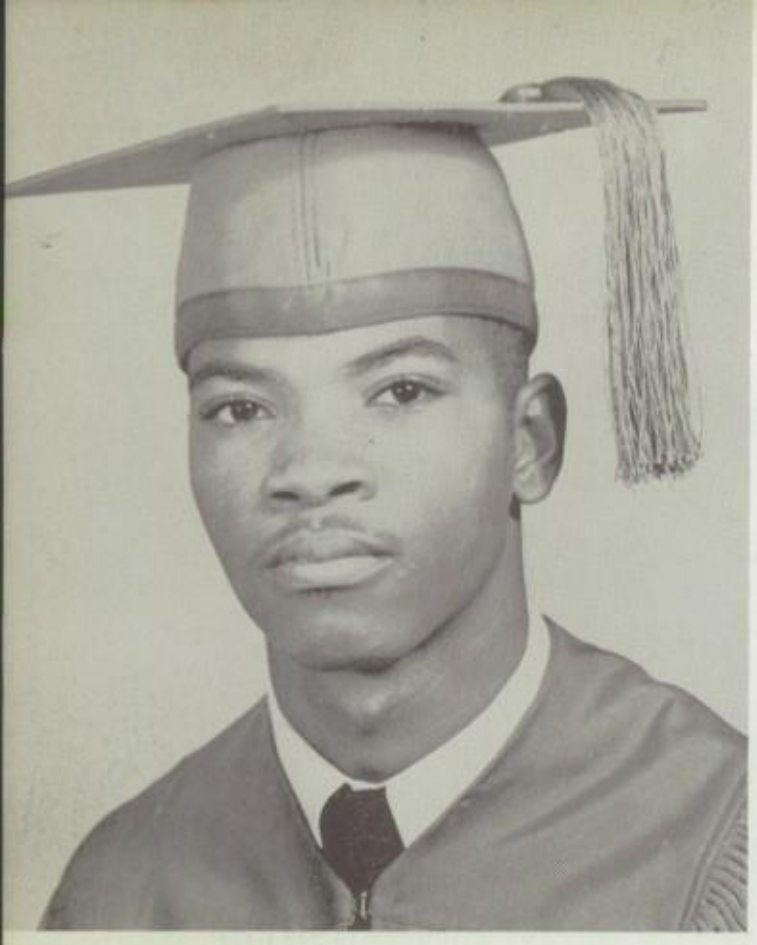
AVICIA HOOPER THORPE
English
B. S., Bluefield State Teacher's College

LELIA LOWE WHITE
B. S., Virginia State
A. B., West Virginia State
Social Science

N. K. WRIGHT
Social Science
B. S., A.&T. College

Roll of Honor

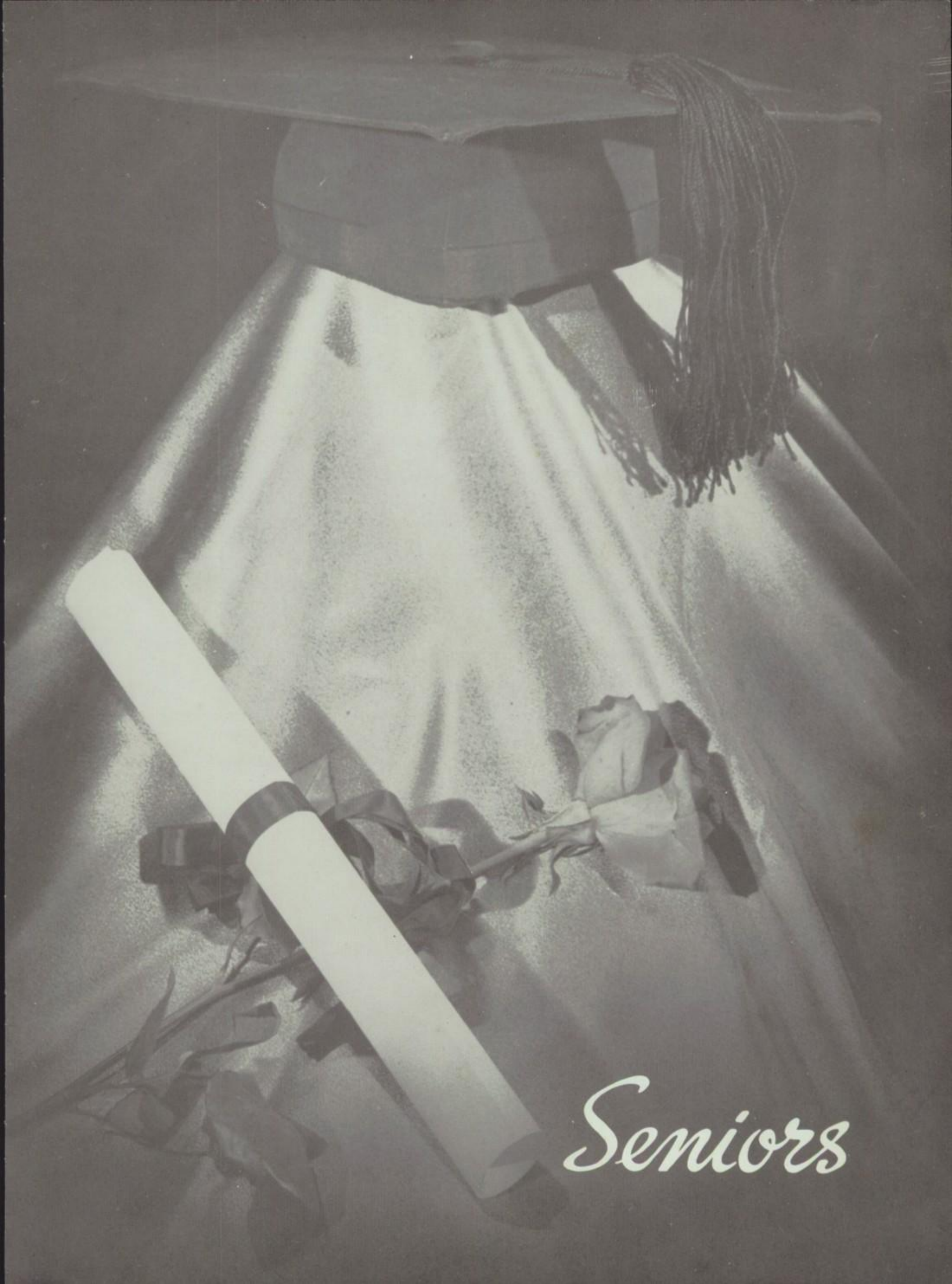
Ranking Seniors



Valedictorian
RAYMOND CRUMP

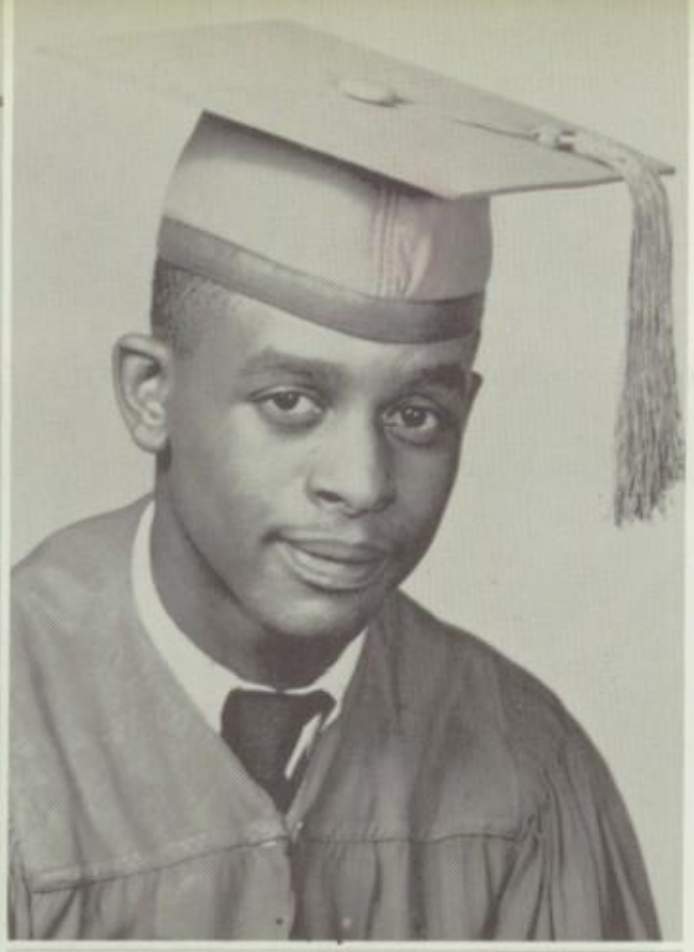
Salutatorian
DOROTHY LEA

ACQUILA COLES



Seniors

LORETTA SADIE ANDERSON
Ambition: Air Force
Activities: Commercial Club
Curriculum: Commercial

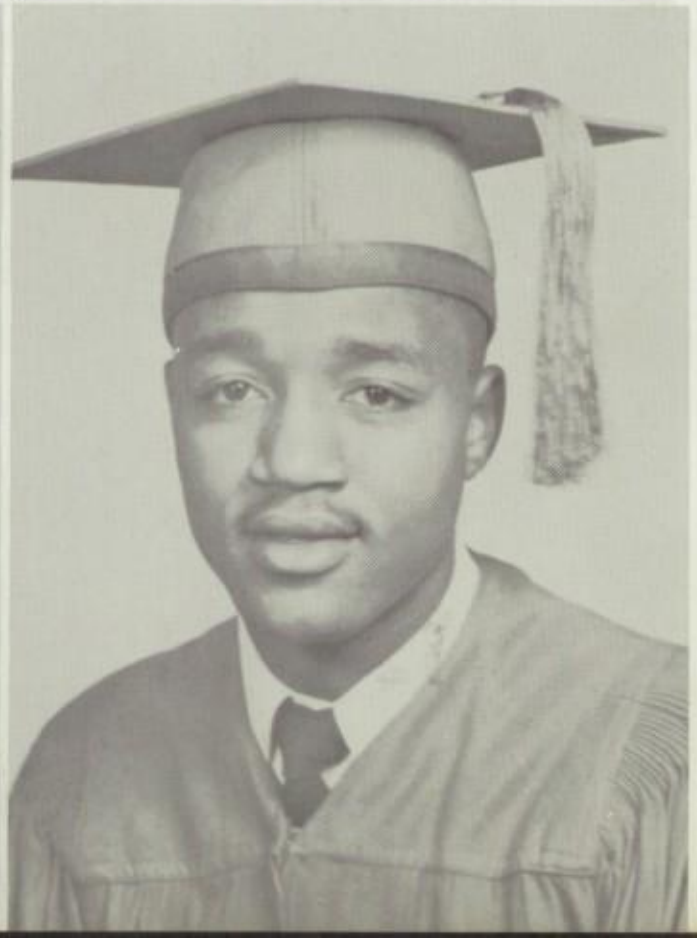


HOWARD LEE BARKSDALE
Ambition: Electrical Engineer
Activities: Student Patrol; Dramatics; Hi-Y.
Curriculum: Practical

JANICE BARKSDALE
Ambition: Air Force
Activities: Commercial Club; Choir.
Curriculum: Commercial

FLORENCE LILLIAN BIGELOW
Ambition: Beautician
Activities: NHA; Dramatics; Dance Group; Cheering Squad.
Curriculum: General

CLARENCE E. BROADNAX
Curriculum: General



ORLANDO BROWN
Ambition: Mechanic
Curriculum: General

RAWDON BROWN
Ambition: Mechanical Engineer
Activities: Academic Club; Football; Basketball.
Curriculum: Academic

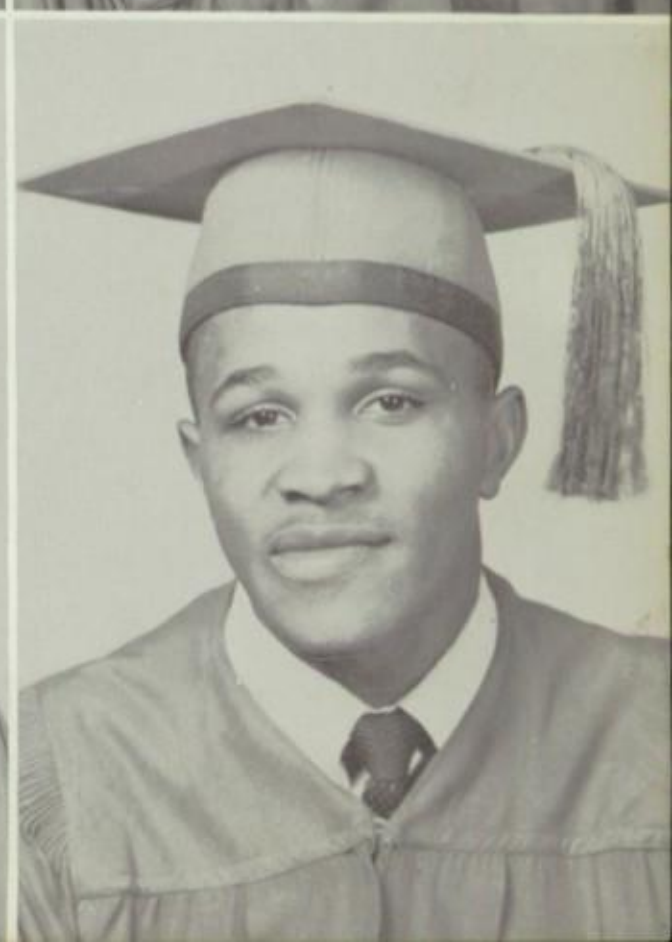
ANITA LOUISE CHANEY
Ambition: Stewardess
Activities: Commercial Club.
Curriculum: Commercial

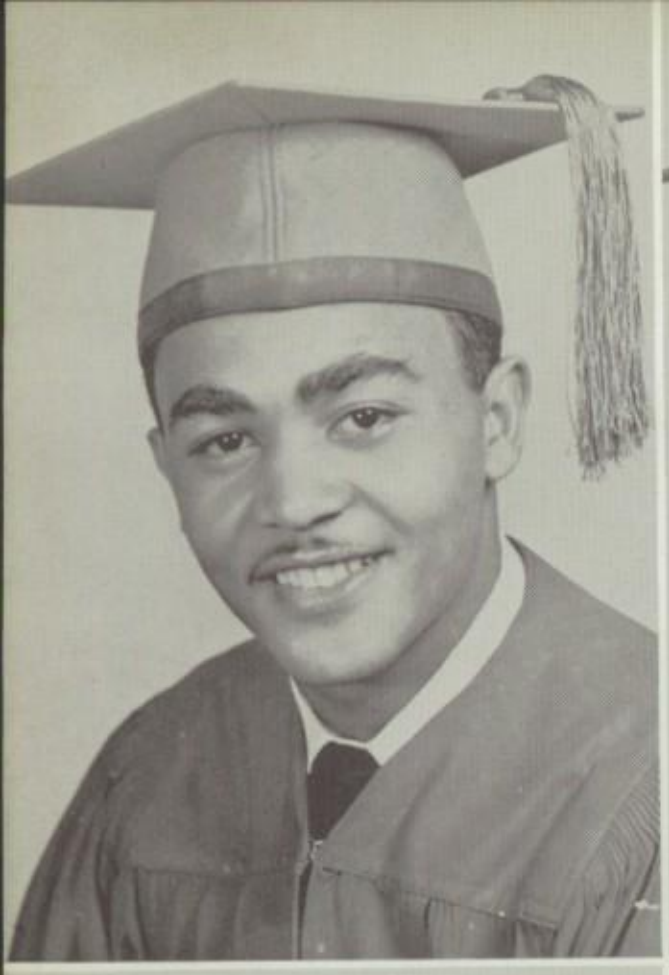
FRANCES CLARK
Ambition: Stenographer
Activities: Dramatics; NHA; Commercial Club.
Curriculum: Commercial

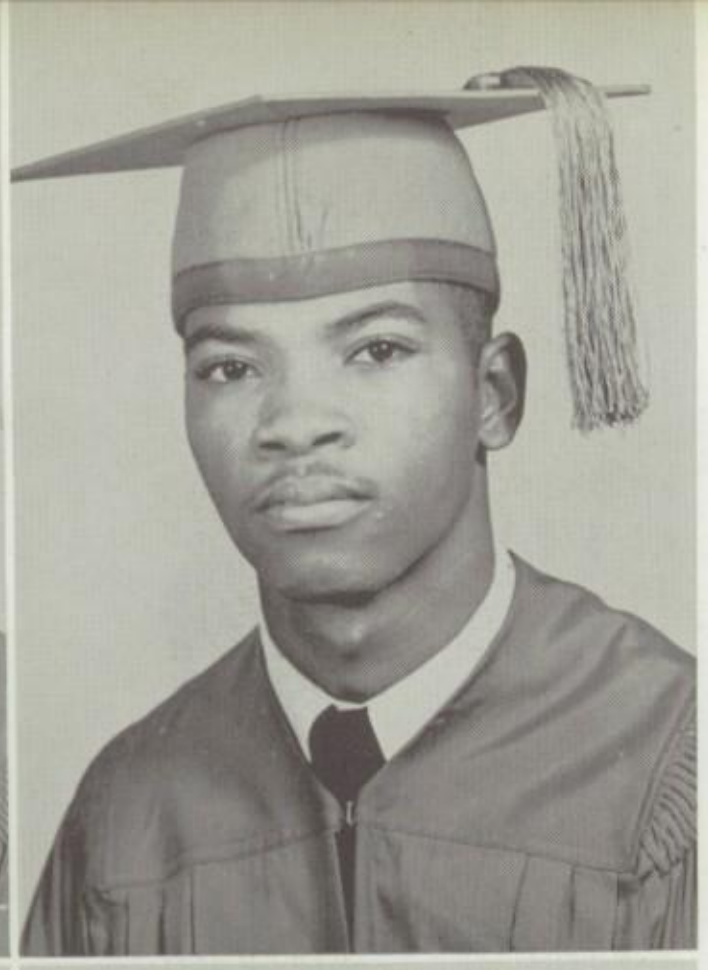
CHARLES E. COLE
Ambition: Auto Mechanic
Activities: Spanish Club; Photo Club; Current Event Club.
Curriculum: Practical

AQUILLA COLES
Ambition: Professional Seamstress
Activities: Choir; Y-Teen; Dramatics; Photo Club.
Curriculum: Practical

WILLIE CONWAY
Ambition: Lawyer
Activities: Academic Club; Football; Choir; Varsity Club; Track Team.
Curriculum: Academic

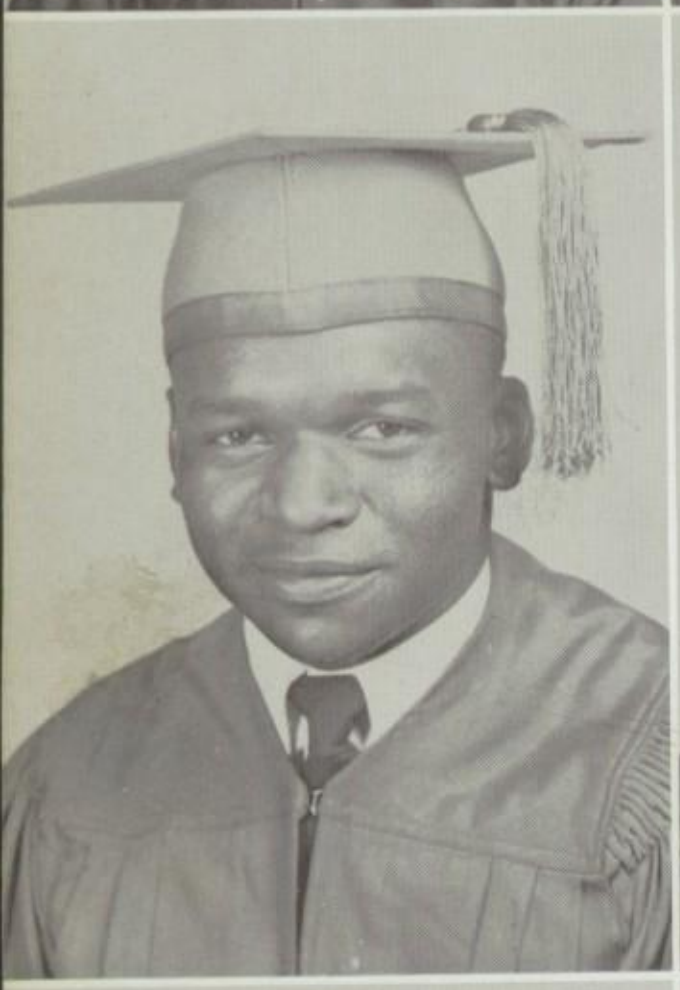


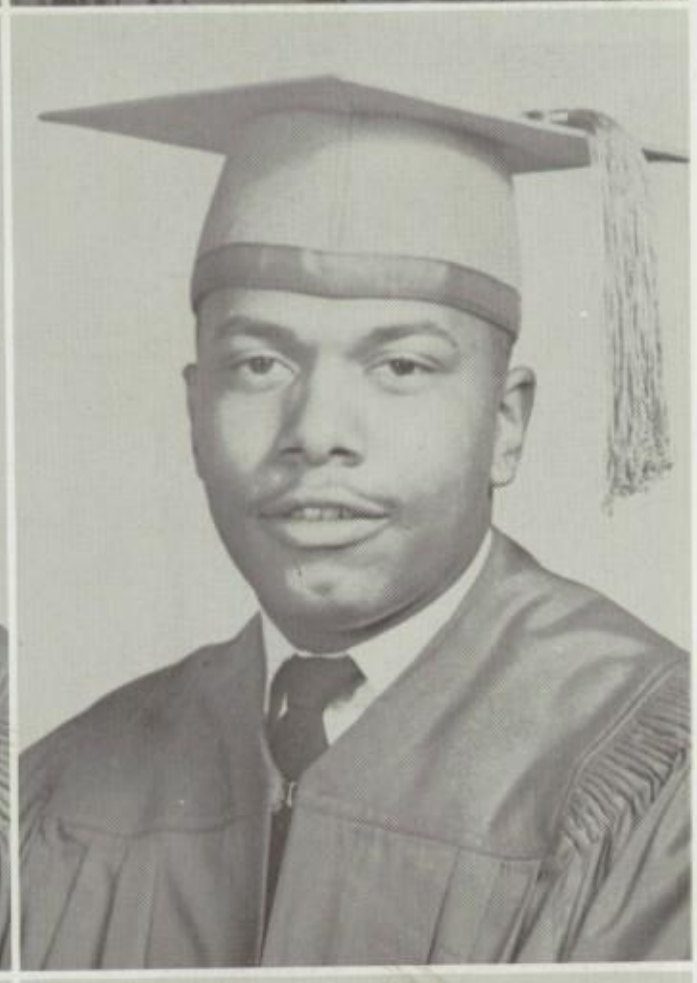




RICHARD CREWS
Ambition: Dietitian
Activities: Football; Modern Scholars; Choir; Dramatics; Varsity Club.
Curriculum: Practical

RAYMOND CRUMP
Ambition: Physicist
Activities: Honor Society; Langstonian Staff; Academic Club; Dramatics; Choir.
Curriculum: Academic





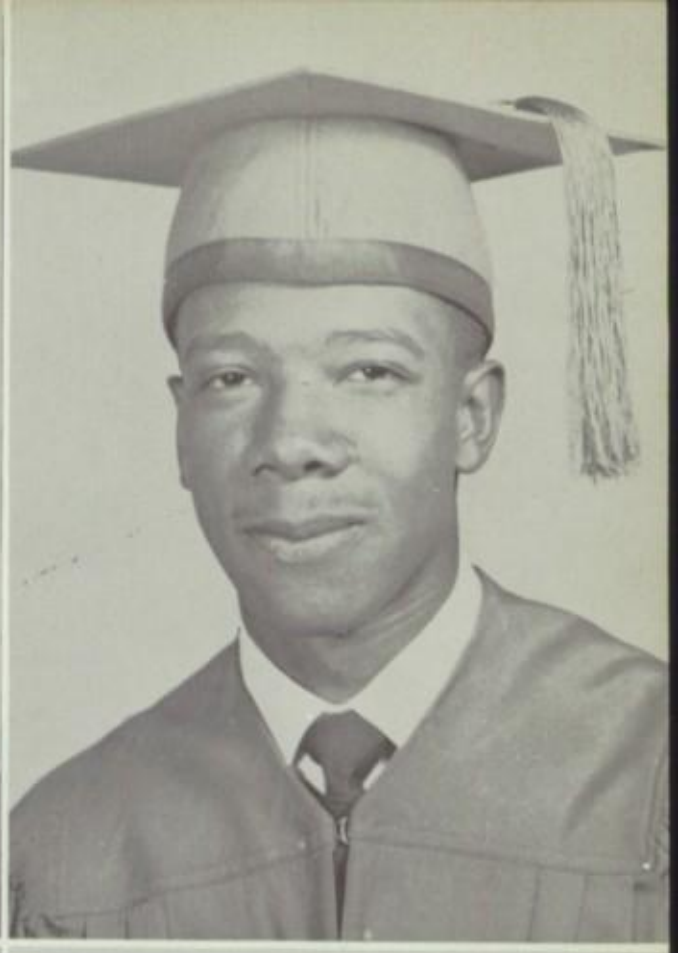
LINWOOD DAVIS
Ambition: Professional Athlete
Activities: Football; Basketball; Varsity Club; Photo Club.
Curriculum: Practical

THEODORE DIXON
Ambition: Psychiatrist
Activities: Basketball; Choir.
Curriculum: Practical

JOSEPH EDMONDS
Ambition: Journalist
Activities: Modern Scholars; FBLA; Dramatics.
Curriculum: Commercial

DOROTHY ANN GENERAL
Ambition: Nurse
Activities: Dramatics; Choir; Cheering Squad.
Curriculum: Practical

EDNA M. GLASS
Ambition: Air Force
Activities: Dramatics
Curriculum: Practical

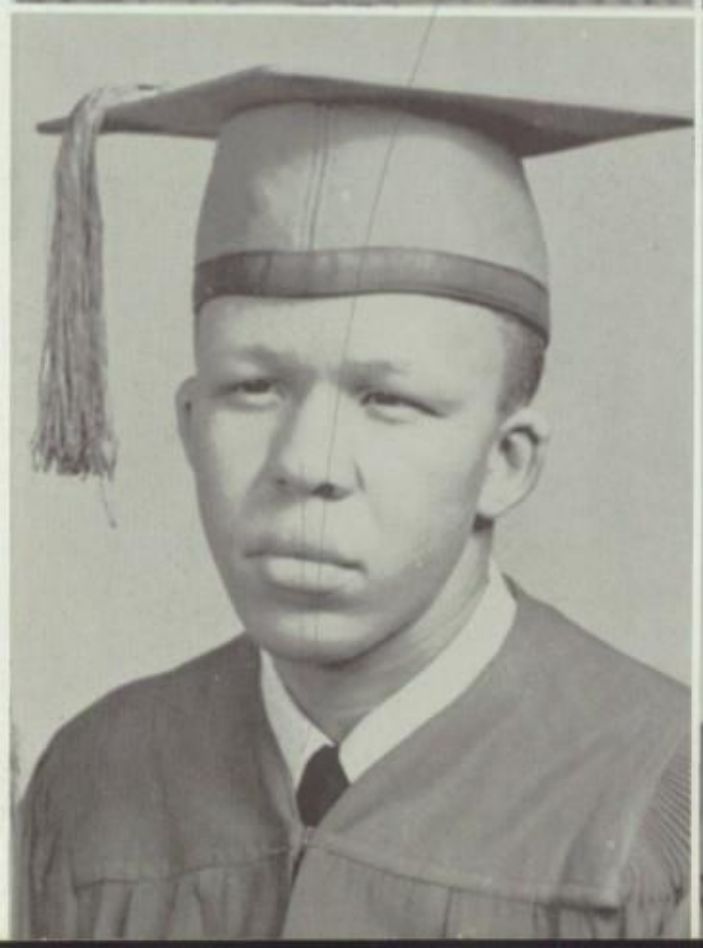


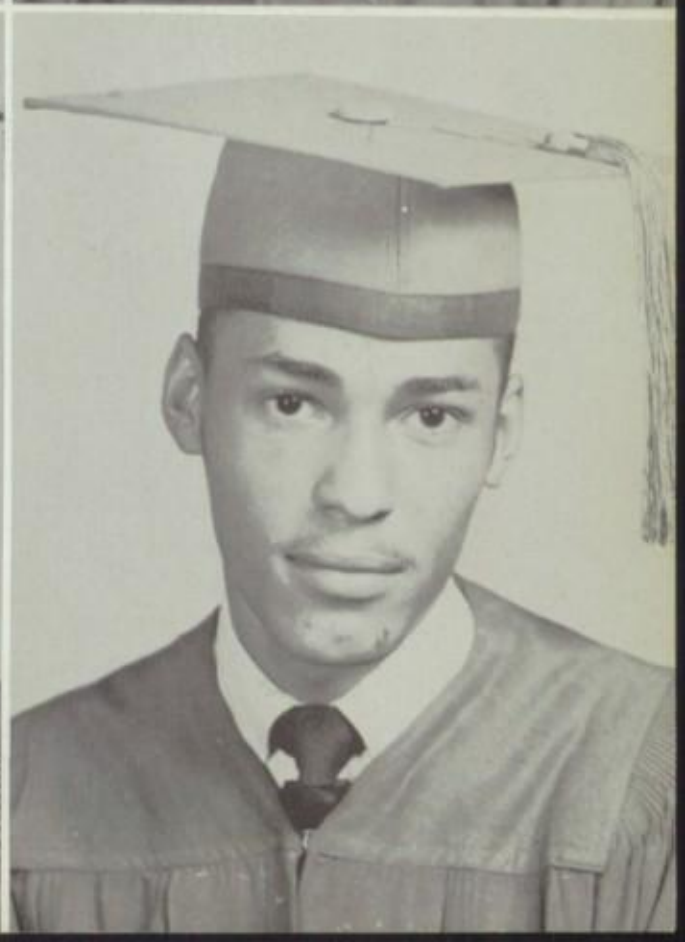
REGINALD GRAVES
Ambition: Professional Tradesman
Activities: Hi-Y; Football; Track Team.
Curriculum: Practical

ROSA DOLORES GUNNER
Ambition: Actress
Activities: Student Council; Photo Club; Choir; Dramatics; Student Patrol; Y-Teen.
Curriculum: Practical

THEODORE HOLLAND
Ambition: Private Business
Activities: Modern Scholar; Basketball; Football.
Curriculum: Practical

JAMES NATHANIEL HUNT
Ambition: Boxer
Activities: Basketball
Curriculum: Practical

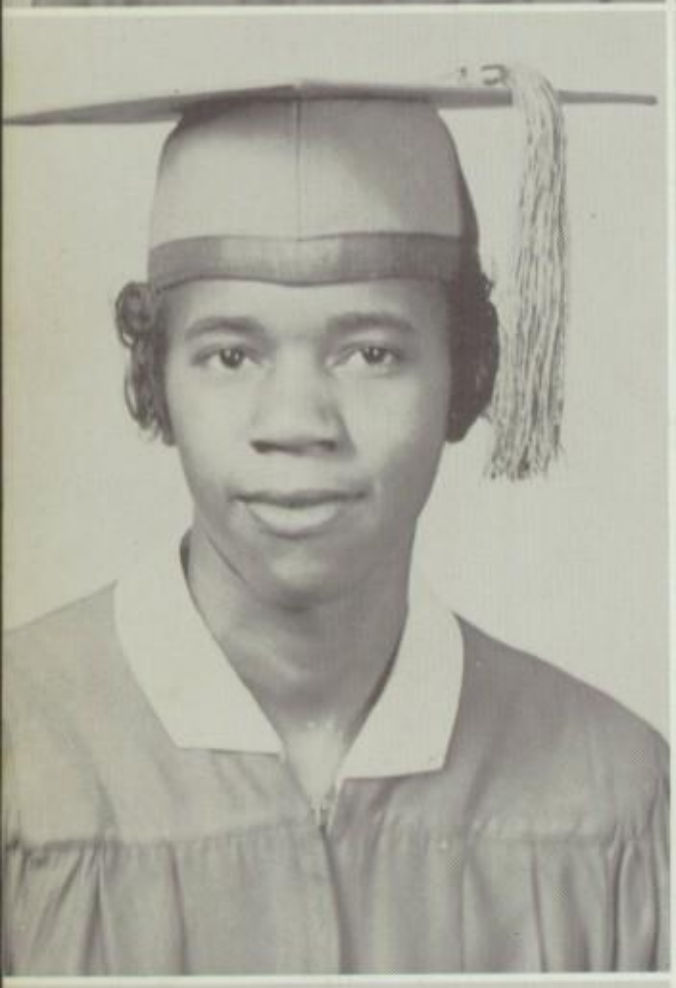




RALPH HUTCHINS
Ambition: Brick Mason
Activities: Modern Scholar; Student Council; Usher's Club; Football.
Curriculum: Practical

FRANCES ELAINE JONES
Ambition: Pediatrician
Activities: Basketball; Dramatics; Modern Scholars; Student Council.
Curriculum: Practical

MYRA EVELYN JONES
Ambition: Practical Nurse
Activities: Dramatics; Photo Club; Choir; Y-Teen.
Curriculum: Practical



GLENARIA LUETHEL KEENE
Ambition: Interior Decorator
Activities: Choir; Dramatics; NHA.
Curriculum: Practical

DOROTHY M. LEA
Ambition: Teacher
Activities: Choir; Dramatics; Academic Club; Student Council; Journalism Club; NHA.
Curriculum: Academic

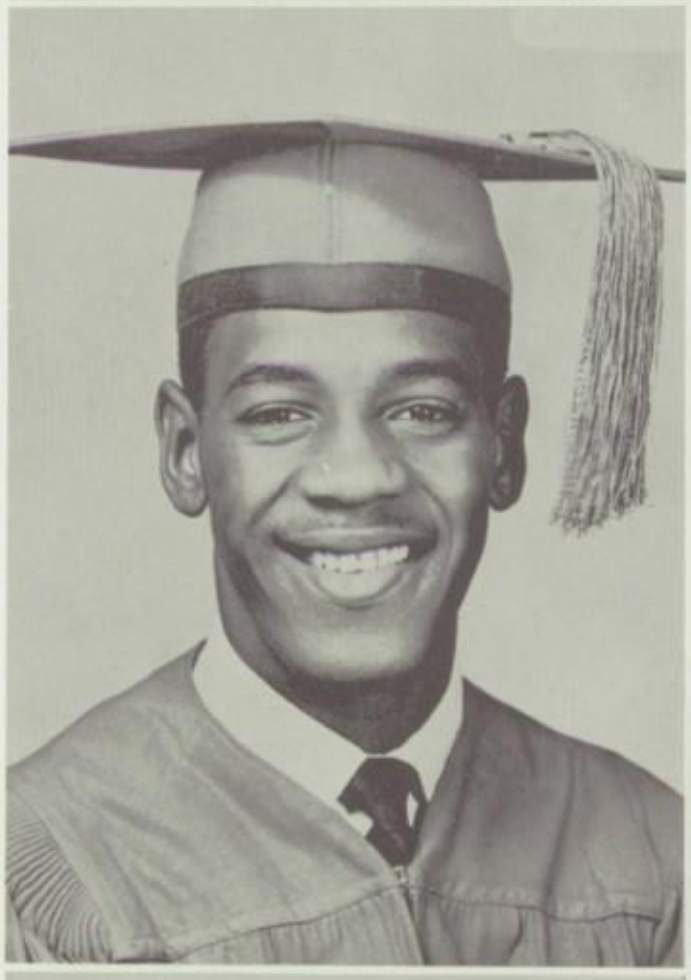
RUBY JEAN LEFTRIDGE
Ambition: Registered Nurse
Activities: FBLA; Dance Group; Cheering Squad.
Curriculum: Commercial

CARRIE ELIZABETH LEWIS
Ambition: Dramatic Soprano
Activities: Choir; Dramatics; Student Council; Academic Club; Langstonian.
Curriculum: Academic

OATSON LEWIS
Ambition: Shipping Clerk
Curriculum: General

IOLA ALMEDA LOGAN
Ambition: Pediatrician
Activities: Student Council; Choir; Dramatics; Academic Club.
Curriculum: Academic

ANDREW DOUGLAS LOUNDERMAN
Ambition: Electrical Engineer
Activities: Student Patrol; Choir; Academic Club; Student Council; Dramatics; Football.
Curriculum: Academic

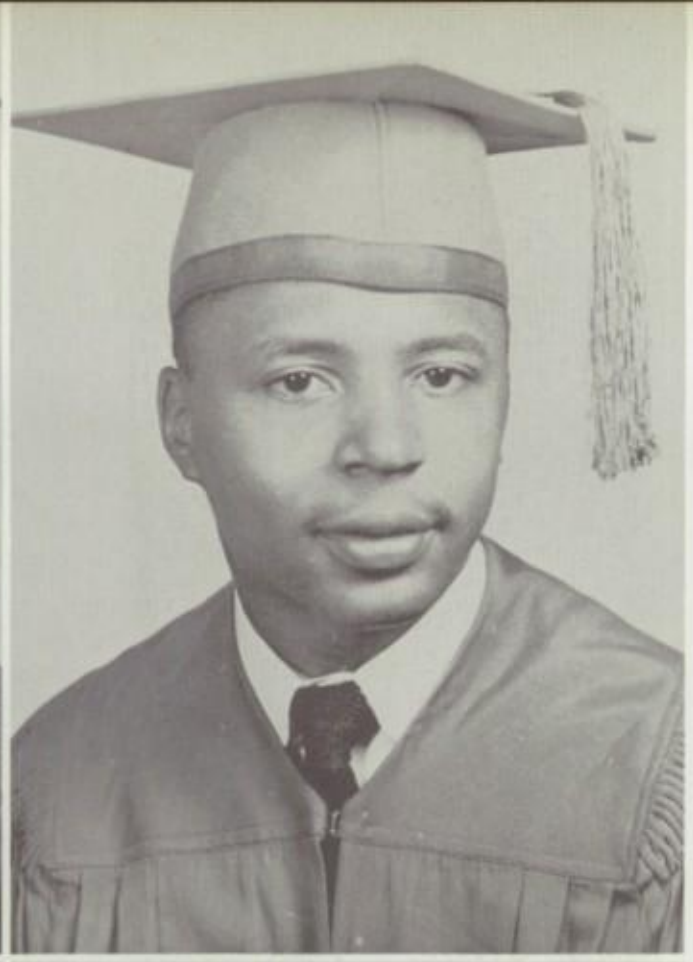


JAMES McLAUGHLIN
Ambition: Boxer
Activities: Football.
Curriculum: General

CAROLYN FREDA MIMMS
Ambition: Nurse
Activities: Choir; Dramatics; NHA.
Curriculum: Practical

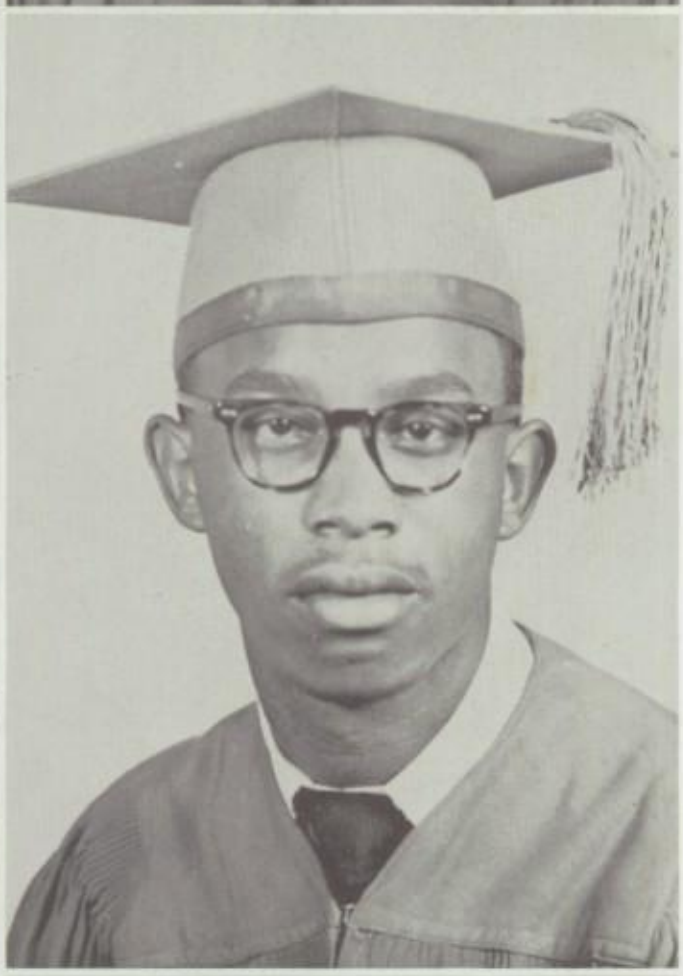
KATE SHIRLEY MOORE
Ambition: Dancer
Activities: Photo Club; NHA; Y-Teen; Cheering Squad; Dramatics; Usher's Club.
Curriculum: Practical

BARBARA ANN MOTLEY
Ambition: Interior Decorator
Activities: Y-Teen; NHA; Choir; Junior Red Cross; Glee Club.
Curriculum: Practical



GENE RAYMOND MOTLEY
Ambition: Lawyer
Activities: Dramatics; Usher's Club; Hi-Y; Student Council; Langstonian Staff; Photo Club.
Curriculum: Practical

GLORIA MARIE MOTLEY
Ambition: Dancer
Activities: NHA; Cheering Squad; Dramatics; Y-Teen; Usher's Club.
Curriculum: Practical



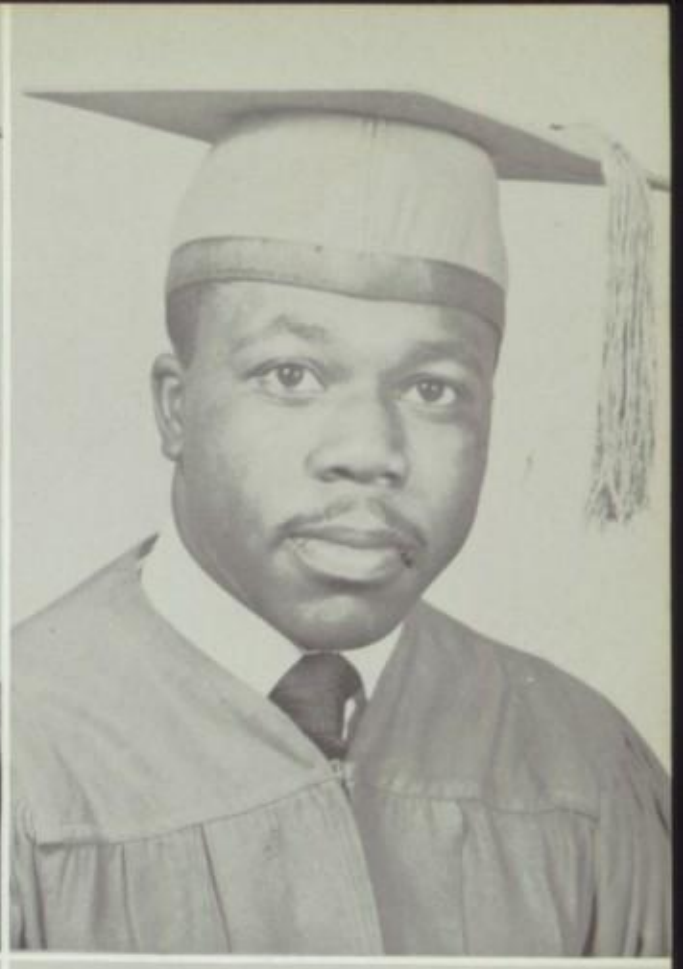
WILLIE MOTLEY
Ambition: Stenographer
Activities: Choir; Commercial Club.
Curriculum: Commercial

BONZOLA NICHOLSON
Ambition: Air Corps
Activities: Usher's Club; NHA; Photo Club.
Curriculum: Practical

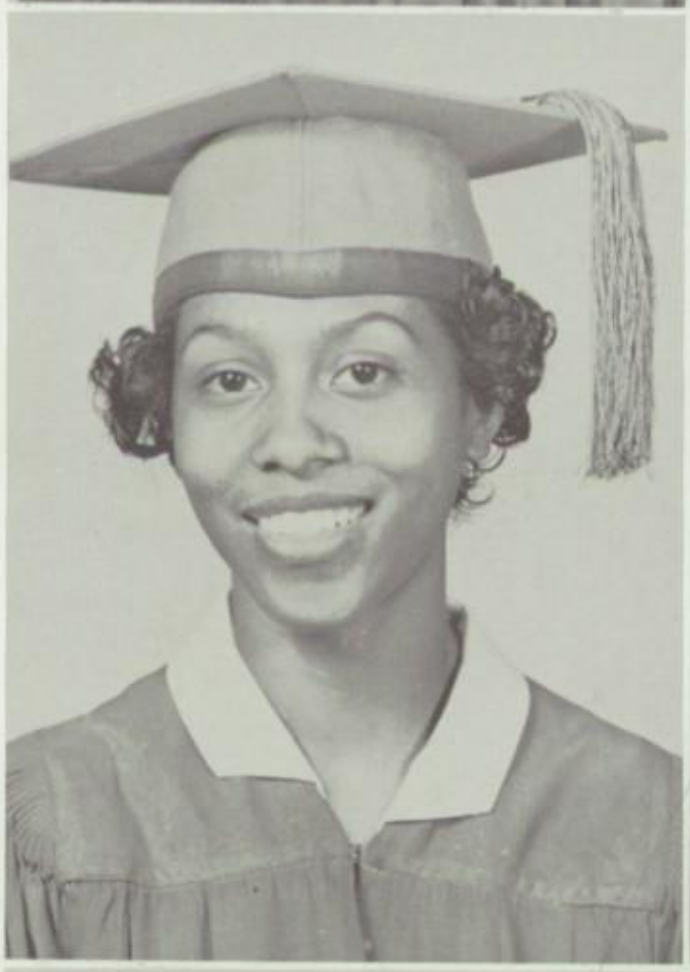
ETHEL LEE OLIVER
Ambition: Nurse
Activities: Dramatics; Choir.
Curriculum: Practical

PEGGY ANN PETERS
Ambition: Nurse
Activities: Y-Teens; Choir; Dramatic.
Curriculum: Practical

WILLIAM POINDEXTER
Ambition: Electrical Engineer
Activities: Football; Dramatics; Photo Club; Library Club; Choir.
Curriculum: Practical

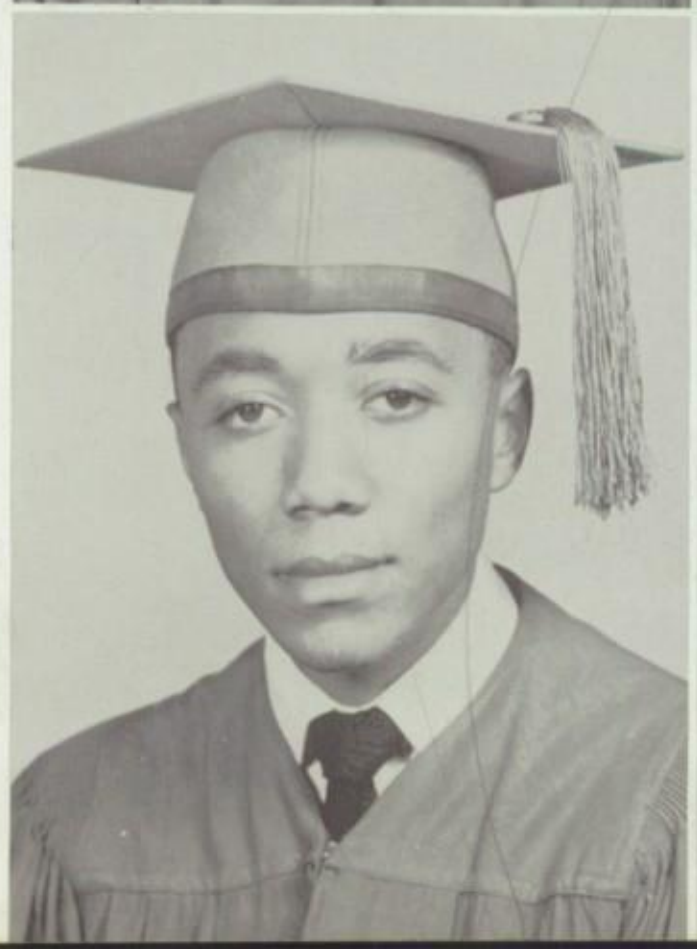


BOBBIE JEAN PRICE
Ambition: Model
Activities: NHA; Student Patrol; Y-Teens.
Curriculum: Practical

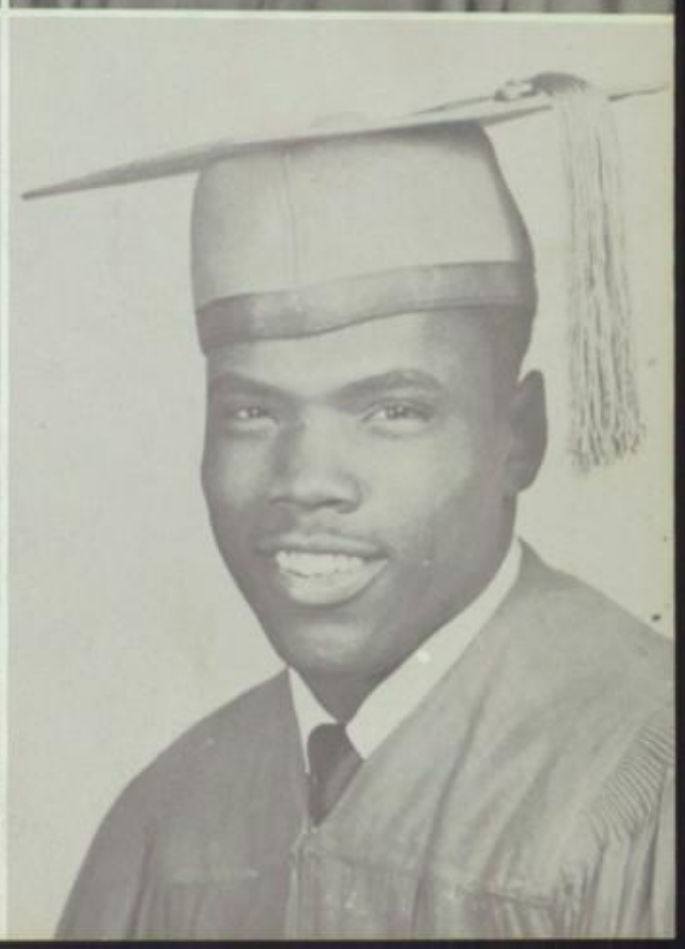


BARBARA ANN SHIRLEY
Ambition: Designer
Curriculum: Practical

PHILIP THOMAS STAMPS
Ambition: Mortician
Activities: Hi-Y; Dramatics; Choir; Photo Club.
Curriculum: General



RALEIGH STAMPS
Ambition: U.S. Army
Activities: Football; Choir.
Curriculum: General

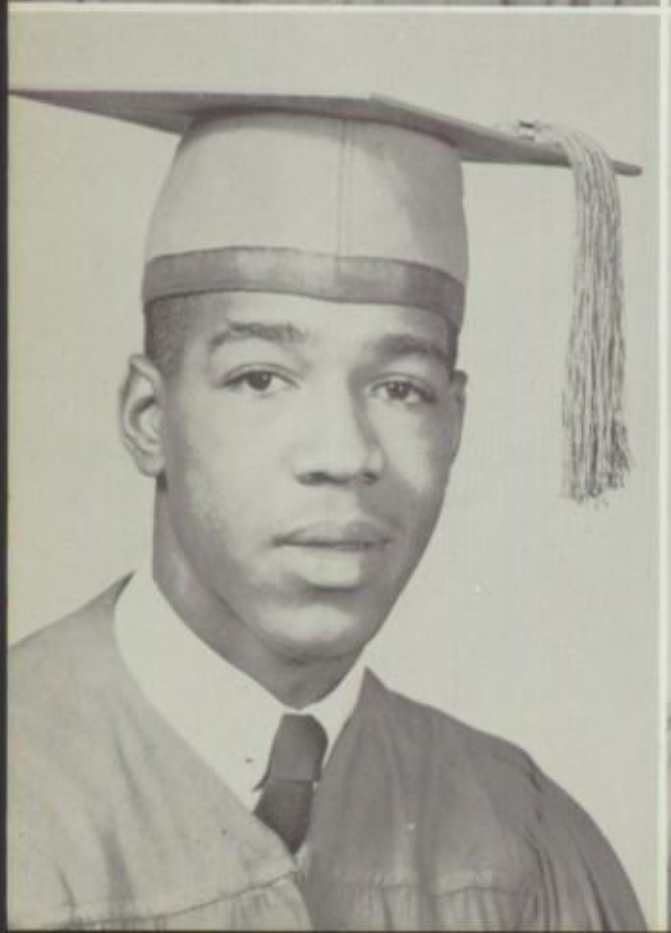


MARY ANN THOMAS
Ambition: Physical Education Teacher
Activities: Cheering Squad
Curriculum: General

MELVIN TAZEWELL THORNTON
Ambition: Contractor
Activities: Choir.
Curriculum: Practical

ELLA JUANESTA TUCKER
Ambition: Teacher
Activities: Dramatics; Choir; Photo Club; Y-Teen.
Curriculum: Practical

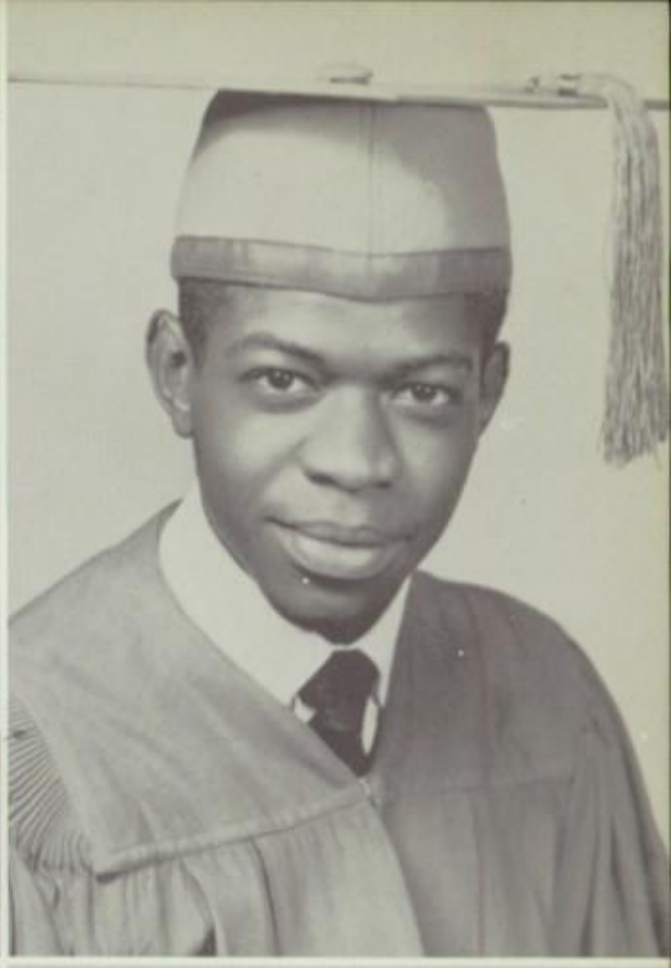
CHARLES EDWARD TURNER
Ambition: Dentist
Activities: Choir; Dramatics; Academic Club.
Curriculum: Academic



CHARLES ALEXANDER WADE
Ambition: Teacher
Activities: Choir; Basketball; Junior Red Cross; Latin Club.
Curriculum: Academic

FLORINE WALTERS
Ambition: Nurse
Activities: Choir; Dramatics.
Curriculum: Practical

ERNESTINE WARNER
Ambition: Professional Seamstress
Activities: Dramatics; NHA; Choir.
Curriculum: Practical



PHILLIP WHITE
Ambition: Wrestler
Curriculum: Practical

LEMMA M. WILSON
Ambition: Secretary
Activities: Dramatics; Health Club; Choir; Cheering Squad; Y-Teen.
Curriculum: Practical

MARY ROSALYN WILSON
Ambition: Stenographer
Activities: NHA; Dramatics; Y-Teen; Commercial Club; Choir.
Curriculum: Commercial

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Class History

This is your radio program "Night Train" being broadcast from Station JML. H. S. Danville, Virginia.

Tonight this train is crowded with the Senior Class of'55 and it has almost reached its destination.

It came into view in 1950 when it brought one hundred forty-six young happy boys and girls over from the Annex to Langston High and arrived at Station 8. Here we were met on the platform by Mr. Armstead and his trainmen who were Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Banner, Mr. McDowell, Miss Ivy, Miss Langhorne, Mrs. Chaney and Mrs. White. They acquainted us with the vocational studies.

After we had been introduced to all at this stop the train glided on to Station 9. Here we found Mr. Armstead had left us when we were met by Mr. Paige. This was the time for us to be assigned to four different Curricula Car Sections. 1. General, 2. Practical, 3. Commercial, and 4. Academic. Each person went where they thought they could eat, sleep, and carry on without being caught; but, this is really where the journey began.

When everyone had become comfortable the train moved on to Station 10, many passengers got off to make connections for points North, East and far West.

What a glorious, gorgeous, beautifully appointed Club Car we beheld when we reached Station 11. This was getting closer to our destination. This Club Car was in existence at Station 9, but we were not really too active until we reached the 11th Station. While strolling through this car we discovered a Dramatic Section. There we saw Howard Barksdale, Philip Stamps, Carrie Lewis, Richard Crews and Mary Rosalind Wilson as members. Richard Crews was being starred as "Ricky Ricardo" in the three-act comedy "I Love Lucy."

Later our attentions were drawn toward wonderfully, soft music. The music turned out to be the Choir. In it we saw Charles Turner, Raleigh Stamps, Charles Wade, Gleneria Keene, Rosa Gunner, Richard Crews, Ella Tucker, Melvin Thornton, Aquilla Coles, William Poindexter, Carrie Lewis and Andrew Loundermon. This was the year of 1954 and previously Carrie Lewis had won first prize on the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Talent Hunt. Carrie was at a later date selected to be in a Musical Contest in Washington, D.C.

While in the Club Car the train sped along to Station 12. Weren't we glad when we had come to this place. It seems as if everything was waiting for us. Mr. J. H. Byrd, Jr. met us at this station. We saw spaces that had been reserved for the N. H. A., Student Council, Cheering Squad, Student Patrol and Langstonian Staff. In the N. H. A. section we found Mary Rosalind Wilson, Kate Moore, Lemma Wilson and Barbara Motley. Gene Motley was voted into the office of President for Student Council. In the Cheering Squad section were Florence Bigelow and Ruby Leftridge. Endeavored to cheer on to the Football championship, Willie Conway, Ralph Hutchins, Linwood Davis, Rawdon Brown, James McLaughlin, Andrew Loundermon, Reginald Graves, Richard Crews, and William Poindexter. Mary Rosalind Wilson was elected our Homecoming Queen.

For the Basketball Team we cheered Charles Wade, James Hunt, and Rawdon Brown.

In another section of the same car a pageant was being dramatized for Education Week. This pageant was called "The American Way." Frances Jones was a little Catholic girl who read the Rosary for us; Richard Crews was a Rabbi, Ralph Hutchins an Episcopalian Rector, while Joseph Edmonds served as a very convincing narrator.

We finally gathered on the platform of the Observation Coach to "Reminisce" about our wonderful journey through Piedmont Section and the Valley of Virginia. We were fully agreed upon the fact that ours had been a joyous-educational, inspirational and eventful journey and now we are about to stop at Junction E. Our Diesel is refueling for redistributing us to places further South, to Industrial Centers of the North, to lucrative farms and Urban Sections of the East, to the furtherest points of the earth as Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Waves, Wacs, Homemakers, members of the Learned Professions, Statesmen, and to-be Mr. John Q. Citizens.

We now sign off as class of 1955 Station JML operating first Educational Broadcast Program "Night Train." We will be followed by Class of 1956. Until then--we say Good Night! and Good Luck!

Class Motto

"Honor lies in earnest toil."

Class Will

State of Virginia
City of Danville
County of Pittsyvania

We, the Senior Class of 1955, of John M. Langston High School, being of sound mind and of young and foolish age, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our Principal and teachers who shared our sorrows and our joys and helped us to reach graduation, we thank you.

To the student body we leave you the sincere hope that you, too, will reach the goal you have before you.

(Personal Bequests)

'hese personal items that have been useful to us, for four years, we leave to the persons named. Cherish these bequests and use them to their best advantage, and soon you too will be willing your treasured possessions to those you leave behind. If you cannot use your inheritance pass it on to some one who can.

Lendwood Davis wills his athletic skill to Ronald Harrison.

Janice Barksdale and Florine Walter will to Willie Barksdale and Jennie Sue Swanson their quietness.

Peggy Peters wills her ability to get along with others to Irene Miller.

Rosa Gunner and Frances Clark will their success with boys to Jessie Ann Williams.

Richard Crews wills to some person his football uniform No. 99.

Raymond Crump wills his ability to make A's without studying too hard to Levi Pace and his membership in the honor society to his brother, Douglass.

Iola Logan wills her hair style to Shirley Lea, and the ability to become a senior to Mary Reynolds.

Joseph Edmonds wills his extensive vocabulary to Mary Johnson.

Kate Moore wills her ability to wear tight skirts to the eighth graders, and her dancing skill to Elma Hairston.

Loretta Anderson wills her ability to finish high school to Lenda Davis, and Artelia Strader.

Mary Wilson wills her ability to be cool, calm and collected to Valeria Wilson, Deloris Betts, Bettina Eason, Theresa Johnson and Jewel Wright.

Myra Jones wills her white blouse with the initials of K. M. H. on the collar to Patsy Allen.

Melvin Thorton wills to Jessie Swann his ability to get along with others.

Anita Chaney wills her ability to be a good girl and not to talk so much to Aneeda Moore.

Aquilla Cloes wills her ability to reach the twelfth grade to John Coles.

Andrew Loundermon wills his seat in chemistry to Sue Hughes, with much success.

Bobbie Price wills to Marie Pounds her ability to become a patrol.

Barbara Shirley wills her ability to get English under Mrs. Thorpe to Vivian Harris.

Barbara Motley wills her ability to maintain a stream line figure to Mary Johnson with much success.

Bonzola Nicholson wills her ability to become a seamstress to Mae Alice Smith.

Carolyn Mimms wills to Thomas Jefferies the ability to graduate in '56.

Charles Wade, Glennria Keene and Carrie Lewis will their place in the choir to Betty Davis, Mary Jenkins and Harry McClary.

Charles Coles just leaves.

Dorothy Lea wills her interest in school to Helen Tanner and Jean Stokes.

Edna Glass wills her dimples to Sallie Bigelow.

Ella Tucker wills her ability to graduate from Langston to Floria Johnson.
Ernestine Warner wills to her sister, Loretta, her ability to get along with people.
Reginald Graves wills his credit at Sater's to Jimmie Allen and Andrew Johnson.
Raleigh Stamps wills to his sister, Mattie, his sweet and engaging smile.
Ruby Leftridge wills her ambition to her brother, John Leftridge.
Ralph Hutchins wills to some unlucky Langstonian quarter back the ability to keep a cool head at all times.
Willie Conway wills to Floyd Wilson his football uniform, the one with the big patch in the seat.
Ethel Oliver wills her brother to Barbara Lou Stamps, and her dancing ability to her sister, Ella.
Frances Jones wills her height to Amelia Hankins and Doris Price and to Bennie Hall her dimples.
Florence Bigelow wills to June Bethel her skill in dancing so that he can become a member of the dance group.
Willie Motley wills his ability to graduate from Langston High School to Charles Goins.
Philip Stamps wills his ability to be business-like to Preston Echols.
Gloria Motley wills her seat in the Library to Betty Davis.
Howard Barksdale wills to Arthur Jacobs and Bettina Eason his post on the patrol.
Lemma Wilson wills her ability to talk and play and still pass to Bessie Harris.
James McLaughlin wills his towel to Sylvester Holland, and his ability to amuse the class and to confuse Mr. Harris.
Otson Lewis wills his ability to any one who can take two English subjects and pass under Mrs. Thrope.
In witness thereof, we, the class of 1955, the testators, have to this will set our hands and seals, this twenty-fifth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-five.

Kate Moore Frances Jones Bobbie Jean Price

Class Poem

To you, dear Langston High, we bid
A very sad farewell.
For all the hope, for all the trust
That in our hearts now swell,
For all the joy, for all the tears
That we have shared here
Our hearts go out with saddened thoughts
Of this--our final year.

We hope that as we go our way
By paths you have made bright,
Your welcoming doors may never close
To those who seek for light.
Because within your halls we walked
And learned life's honored rule
The seniors here can never forget
John Mercer Langston High School.

R. Crump

Class Prophecy

Traveling in our time machine we pause for a moment to look out on the unraveling year 1965. There are so many things to attract our attention that we hardly know which to concentrate upon. Oh! There's one, it seems to be, yes, it is--a "Come As You Are Party." And who are the guests of honor? The 1955 graduating class of Langston High School of Danville, Virginia. Most of them rushed away from their jobs in order to be here tonight.

Say! Don't I know the host and hostess? Sure, I do. It's Bobbie Jean Price and Howard Barksdale, her husband. I just knew they would finally marry. Well, Bobbie is a model and Howard is an engineer for one of the largest engineering companies of Chicago; a most handsome couple. This party is typical of them, you know. They need contacts to throw business their way.

Who are those young ladies in uniform over by the punch bowl? Oh, Edna Glass and Loretta Anderson. They are nurses for the 186th Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Look at that crazy gown! No, look at who is in it - Barbara Shirley. She is a famous designer of gowns, and designs them especially for my old girl friend, Eartha Kitt.

Now, why would two guests bring pencils and shorthand pads to a party? Oh, they are Mary Rose Wilson and Frances Clarke, who are stenographers in Washington for the Secretary of State. They are really going places.

Observe the sophisticated ladies sitting in the corner. The interior of our new Langston High was done by them, Barbara Motley and Glenaria Keene. They were the only persons suited for the job, and they are now talking over plans for the new Byrd-Wright Junior High.

Those poised young men constantly making lady friends there, are none other than the very able lawyers who recently won the tax evasion case for Reginald Graves, the, you might say, professional tradesman. They are Willie Conway and Gene Motley, who are still carrying their brief cases, looking for business.

Let's see, I know those people--Dorothy Lea, Ella Tucker and Charles Wade. I'm glad to see them taking time out from their teaching activities at George Washington High School to enjoy themselves.

Hear that mambo beat? And guess who is on the floor? Gloria Motley and Kate Moore. They both recently signed a contract to dance in Las Vegas in "They Were Doing The Mambo."

Marilyn Monroe is no longer America's number one pin-up girl. She has been topped by the young actress sitting over by the window in the bathing suit, our own Rosa Gunner. You should see her latest picture, "A Hard Road."

Remember I said some of the guests rushed away from their jobs to get here. That accounts for those two pediatricians treating the baby boy over there in the corner. Iola Logan and Frances Jones left their Clinic in Chicago so fast they forgot to give the baby back to his parents. But that's all right because his father is standing only a few feet away. Who is the father? Why, Melvin Thorton. He and Ralph Hutchins are contractors in their own business, you know. Consult them when you want your next house built.

Do you see that deathly-looking fellow over there in the black suit? He looks rather pale doesn't he? No wonder, that is the funeral director, Phillip Stamps, of the Stamps Funeral Enterprises. He used his own Ambulance to get here on time. With the siren in full force.

That vocal artist over by the piano is Carrie Lewis. She is to appear at the Metropolitan Opera very soon.

You don't have to guess who that is carrying that tray loaded with food. That is the dietician at Langston High School, Richard Crews. He shouldn't complain about the meals anymore since they are in his hands, or should I say, since his hands are in the meals.

I suppose you've noticed that fellow near the band stand. It looks as if he is jotting down some notes, maybe for a news article. That's the fiery reporter and noted journalistic writer from the New York Times, Joseph Edmonds.

There was a fellow around a moment ago with the most beautiful teeth. He is a dentist, you know, and he designed his own plate. Oh, there he is--Charles Turner. I hear he recently made a fortune on those pale pastel plates.

Over in the phone booth you'll see Oatson Lewis. I heard him say a little while ago that he had to call the Memorial Hospital, where he is working as shipping clerk, to let his boss know that he forgot to check out.

Waiting outside the phone booth is Lemma Wilson, who is secretary to the Vice President of the United States, unbelievable as it may seem. Hope she doesn't get in on any government secrets because you know how much Lemma can talk.

Those two young ladies floating around the floor in those gorgeous gowns are Aquilla Coles and Ernestine Warner. Both of them are wearing their own originals.

When we were back at Langston in 1955 the girls styled their hair in pony tails and duck tails. The girl looking in the mirrow with the fish tail hair style is Florence Bigelow. She has a beauty shop now and has developed a prosperous business.

Notice the two second looies of the WAF in the center of the floor. They are Bonzola Nicholson and Janice Barksdale. They are talking with the stewardess from the Trans-American Freight Line, Anita Chaney, whom they bumped into on the plane.

Those guys with the boxing gloves look punch drunk. James McLaughlin and James Hunt both are professional boxers. Standing near to lend a helping hand in case they are needed are the ladies in white. Those nurses sure look neat in their uniforms. I hear that all of them, Myra Jones, Ethel Oliver, Florine Walters, Dorothy General, Peggy Peters, Carolyn Mimms and Ruby Leftridge are the most efficient nurses at Winslow Hospital.

Been wondering who the fellow is parked outside in the lavender Buick. He is Theodore Holland who runs a fabulous night club in Las Vegas. Speaking of automobiles, I know you are wondering how the new Cadillacs are retaining their power and good features. You will be surprised to know that they were designed by Charles Cole and Orlando Brown. They haven't come in yet but are waiting for Rawdon Brown to test one of his new jets. He is working in secret service you know.

Who is that with the stethoscope? That's Dr. Raymond Crump the chief physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He just finished a conference with a psychiatrist from Duke University, Theodore Dixon.

You would never believe it, but Willie Motley finally passed stenography and is now working in the government.

Those fellows reading the sports page are Linwood Davis and Phillip White. They both made headlines. Linwood's the quarterback for the Cleveland Browns and Phillip is the middleweight wrestling champion of the world.

Our time machine is cranking up to continue its journey. We hope that we saw everyone during our short visit into the future. If not you can blame it on the fact that time waits for no one.

Classes

Junior Class

President - Frances Wilson
Vice President - Levi Pace
Secretary - Thomas Jeffries
Treasurer - Bennie Hall
Sponsors - Miss Langhorne, Miss Ivy
Mrs. Logan, Mr. Manly
Mr. Motley

Sophomores

President - - - - Virginia Cunningham
Vice President - - - - - Mary Reynolds
Secretary - - - - - - - Kathryn Wilson

Sponsors - - - - - - - - - - -Mrs. Harris
Mrs. Banner, Miss Davis
Mrs. White

Freshmen

President - - - - - - - Jerome Hairston
Vice President - - - - - -Jewel Wright
Secretary - - - - - Geraldine Holdness

Sponsors - -Mrs. Chaney, Mrs. Thorpe
Miss Jones, Miss Allen
Miss Moffitt

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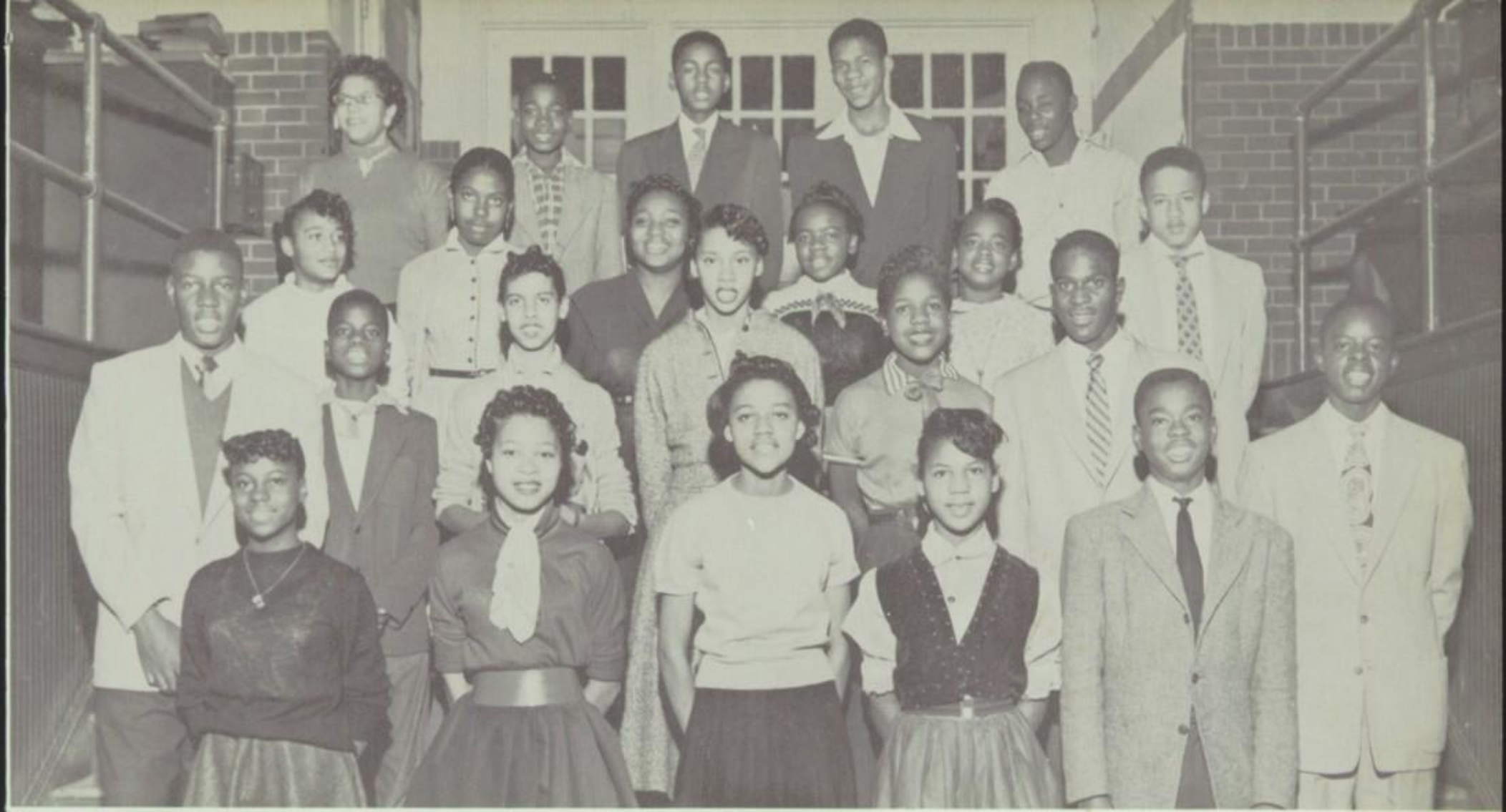
Eighth Grade 2

MISS LOLA THORNTON - Sponsor



Eighth Grade 3

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Eighth Grade 4

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Mathematics - 5C

MISS THORNTON

English - 6

MRS. THORPE

Science - 4

MR. McDOWELI

Favorites

Best Dressed

REGINALD GRAVES

Best Dancers
CHARLES TURNER - GLORIA MOTLEY

Most Popular

MARY R. WILSON

Most
Likely to Succeed

PHILIP STAMPS

Best
Dressed

ELLA TUCKER

Most Musical
CHARLES WADE - CARRIE LEWIS

Most Handsome
RICHARD CREWS

Homecoming Queen
MARY ROSALIND WILSON

Miss Homecoming and
Her Attendants
MARY R. WILSON
SUE HUGHES - DELORES BETTS

Faculty Play
"FATHER KNOWS BEST"

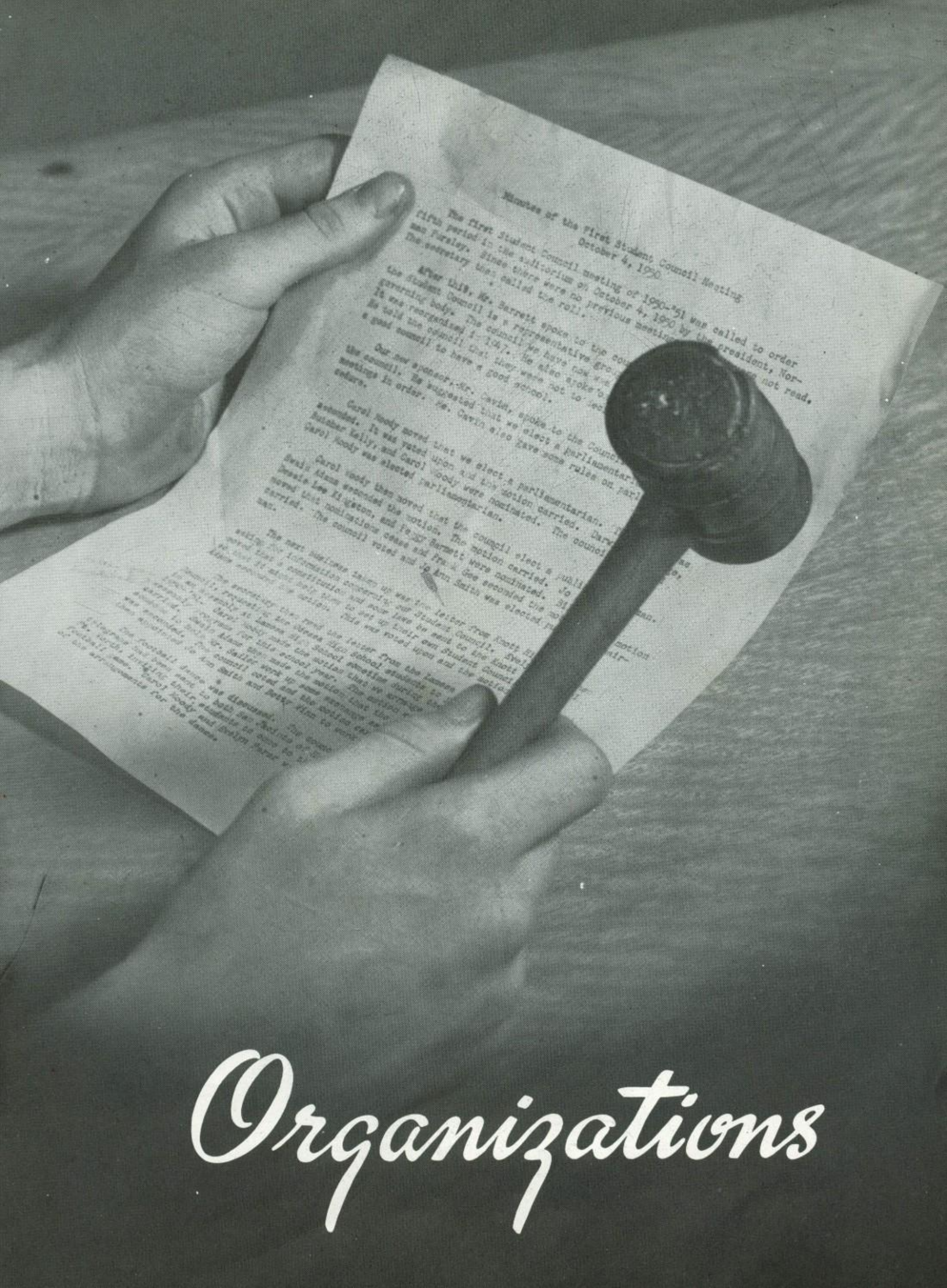
American Education Week

RALPH HUTCHINS

FRANCES JONES

PATRICIA VANN

RICHARD CREWS



Organizations

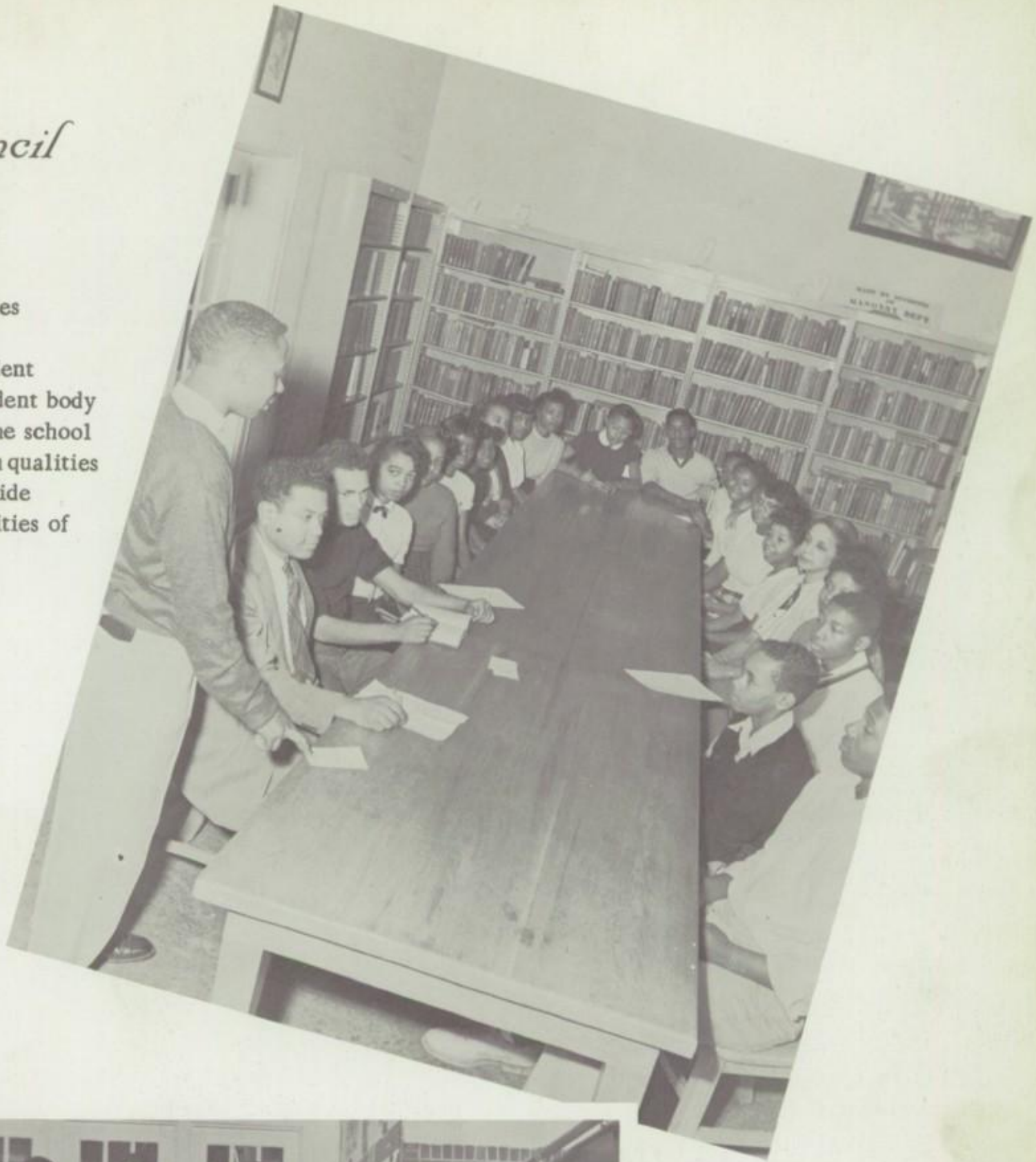
The Langston Choir

Our school choir under the Direction of Miss Franklyn O. Gunn, is one of the finest in the state. During the school year this organization makes numerous appearances at special programs for Churches, Schools, civic and social organizations. Concerts also are presented at Easter and Christmas.

Student Council

President, Gene Motley
Vice President, Sue Hughes

The purpose of the Student Council is to give the student body a voice in the affairs of the school and to create among them qualities of leadership, and to provide training in the responsibilities of self-government.



Student Patrol

Captain, Frances Wilson
Captain, Andrew Louderman.

It functions to promote safety practices and direct all traffic in the school and on the grounds.

The N. H. A. is one of the many fine organizations of our school that has national affiliations. The major aims of this organization are: the promotion of individual growth by development of physical, social and moral qualities; the promotion of better home living; the provision of wholesome recreational activities; the giving of service to the school, community, state and nation.

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Kathryn Wilson
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - - Elaine Wooden
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Dolores Betts
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Betty Davis

Our Library Club is organized under the sponsorship of Mrs. E. M. Logan.

Its purpose is three-fold: to sponsor a greater interest among the students in the use of books and library service; to stimulate reading interest; to improve the library service of the school.

THE SCHOOL EXCHANGE

The school exchange is operated by students under a faculty supervisor.

The exchange provides an opportunity for commercial students to gain practical experience in business techniques.

This year Langston students were afforded a new privilege, radio announcing. Charles Wade, Mary Jenkins, Anita Woody, Philip Stamps, Frances Wilson and Charles Yarborough, were some of the first to be heard on Teen Topics every Friday afternoon on WBTM.

The Veterans Club, a newly organized club at Langston is made up of former students of Langston who have returned to complete their education, after serving in the Armed Forces.

Ushers Club

This group assists the other organizations in the high school by passing out programs and placing their guests at the evening programs.

The Modern Scholars Club is best-known for its giving of an annual one-hundred dollar scholarship. In addition this organization also attempts to develop better students and, thereby, better citizens by discussing topics that are of importance in the development of all.

Modern Scholars

The Social Studies Club is composed of students from all four curricula. Those students exhibiting an interest in Social Science are accepted as members in this newly organized club.

President, Mamie Anderson; Vice President, Tommie Lee; Secretary, Ollie Brandon; Treasurer Barbara Davis.

The F. B. L. A. Association is a statewide organization, designed for high school and college students taking Commercial subjects. This organization accepts students with good attendance, ambition, and a favorable attitude toward the school functions.

The Language Arts Club

The language arts club is composed of students pursuing the Academic Curriculum. Its purposes are to stimulate scholarship, to develop an affinity between its members and to provide time for free discussion of problems pertinent only to Academic students.

"I pledge myself to uphold the high purpose of this society to which I have been elected, striving in every way, by word and deed to make its ideals the ideals of my school and of my life."

No honor conferred in any high school exceeds that of membership in the National Honor Society. Members are very carefully selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

STAFF

Editor-in-Chief - - - - - Raymond Crump
Assistant Editor - - - - - - - - Dorothy Lea
Sports Editor - - - - - - - - Charles Turner
Literary Editor - - - - - - - - Delores Betts

Happy Hearts Y-Teens

The Y-Teens are the teen-age division of the Young Women's Christian Association. The aim of this teen-age organization is to train young women for christian leadership.

President - - - - - - - - - - - - Etha Vincent
Vice President - - - - - - Jacquelyn Brown

Secretary - - - - - - - - - - Nancy Crawley
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - Mary L. McDaniel

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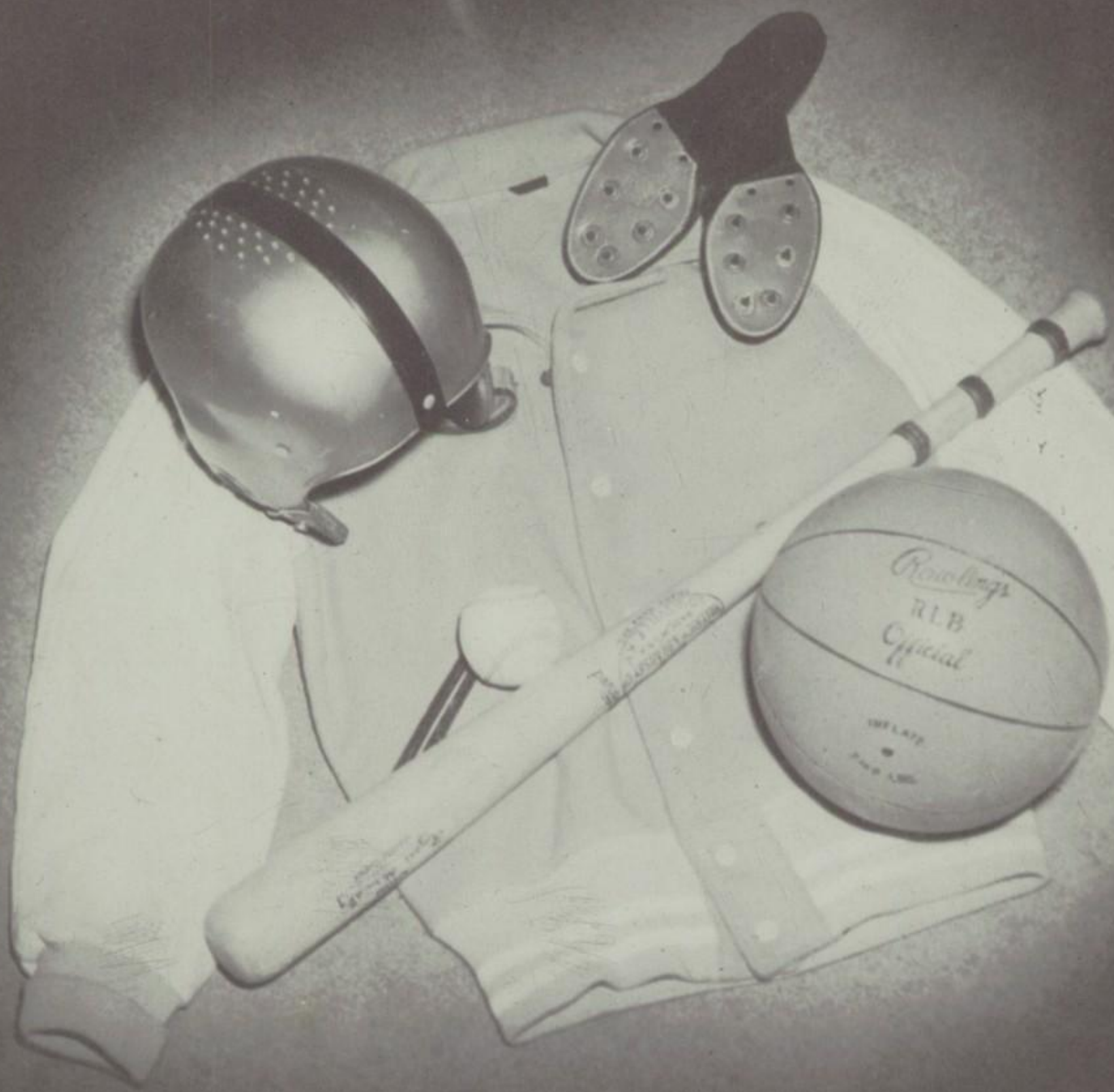

Athletics

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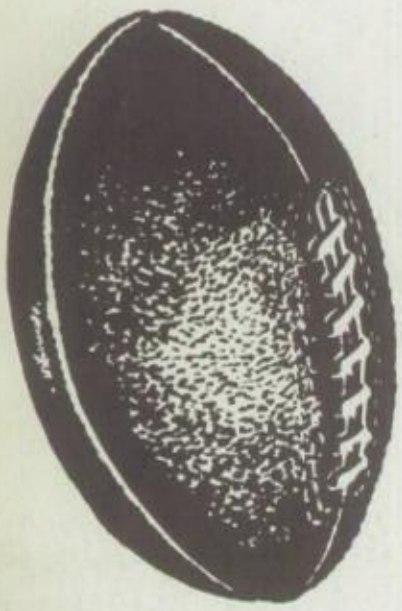
Head Coach - T. MANLY



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Langston	12	Dunbar	33
Langston	0	Addison	0
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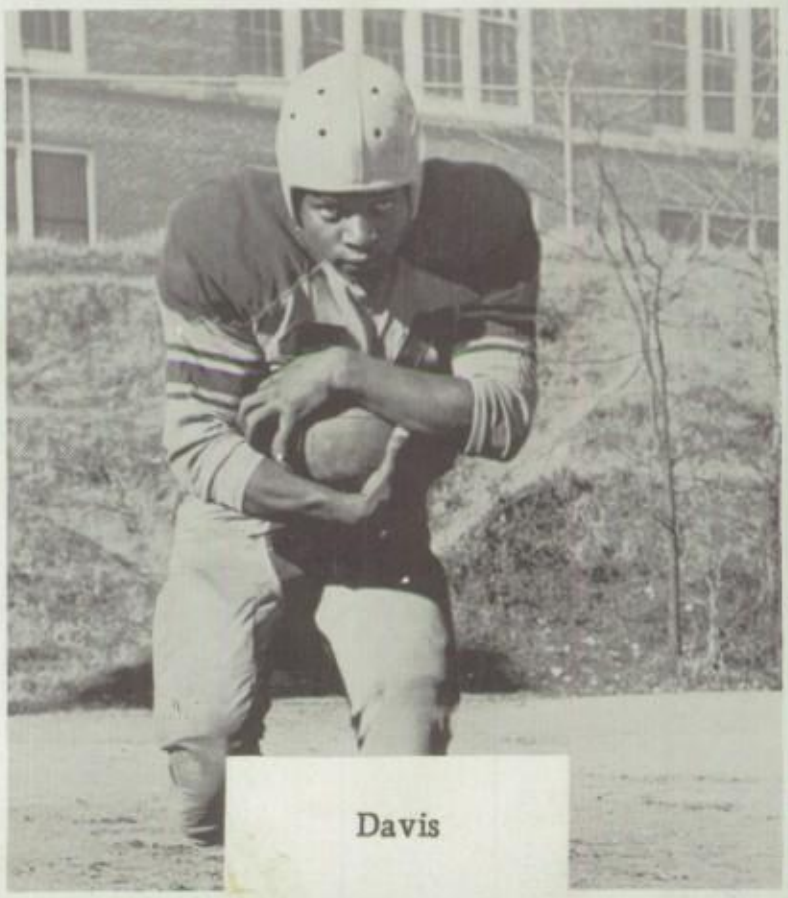

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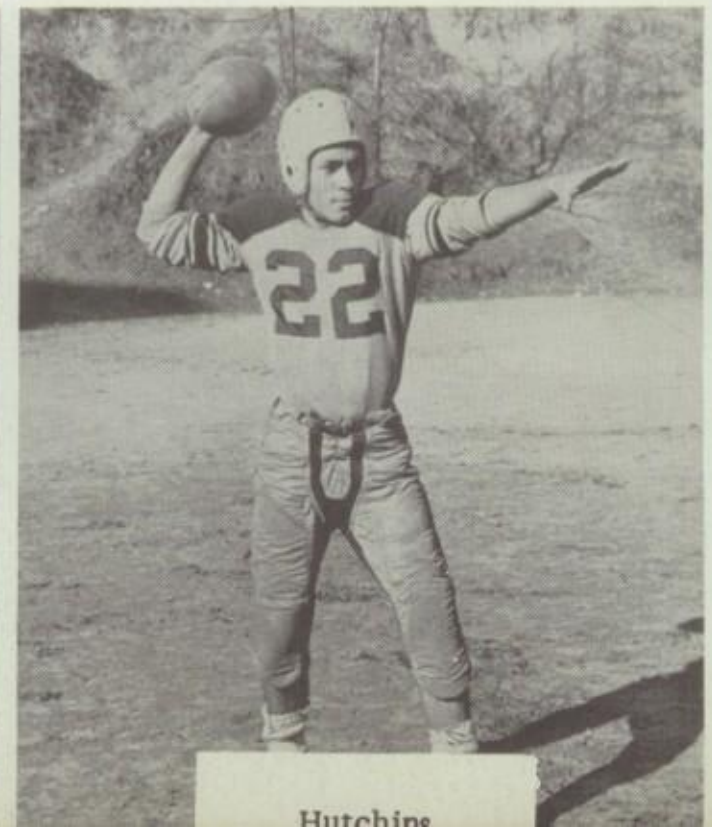

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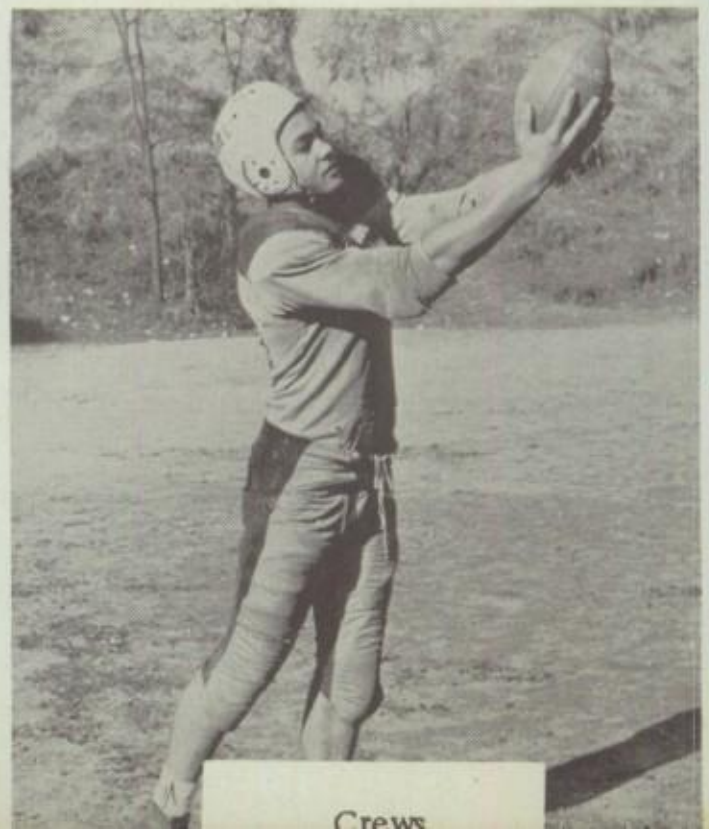

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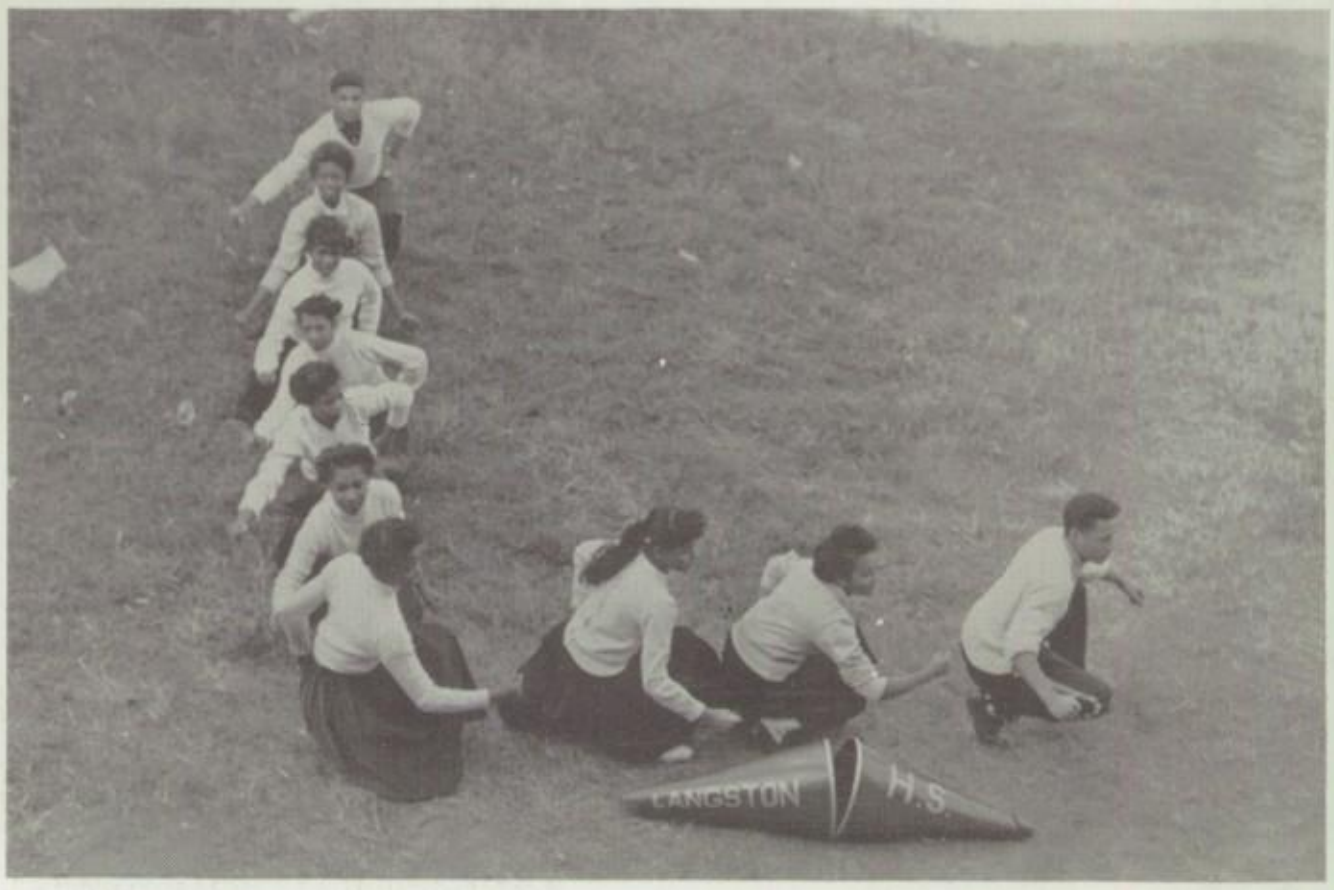

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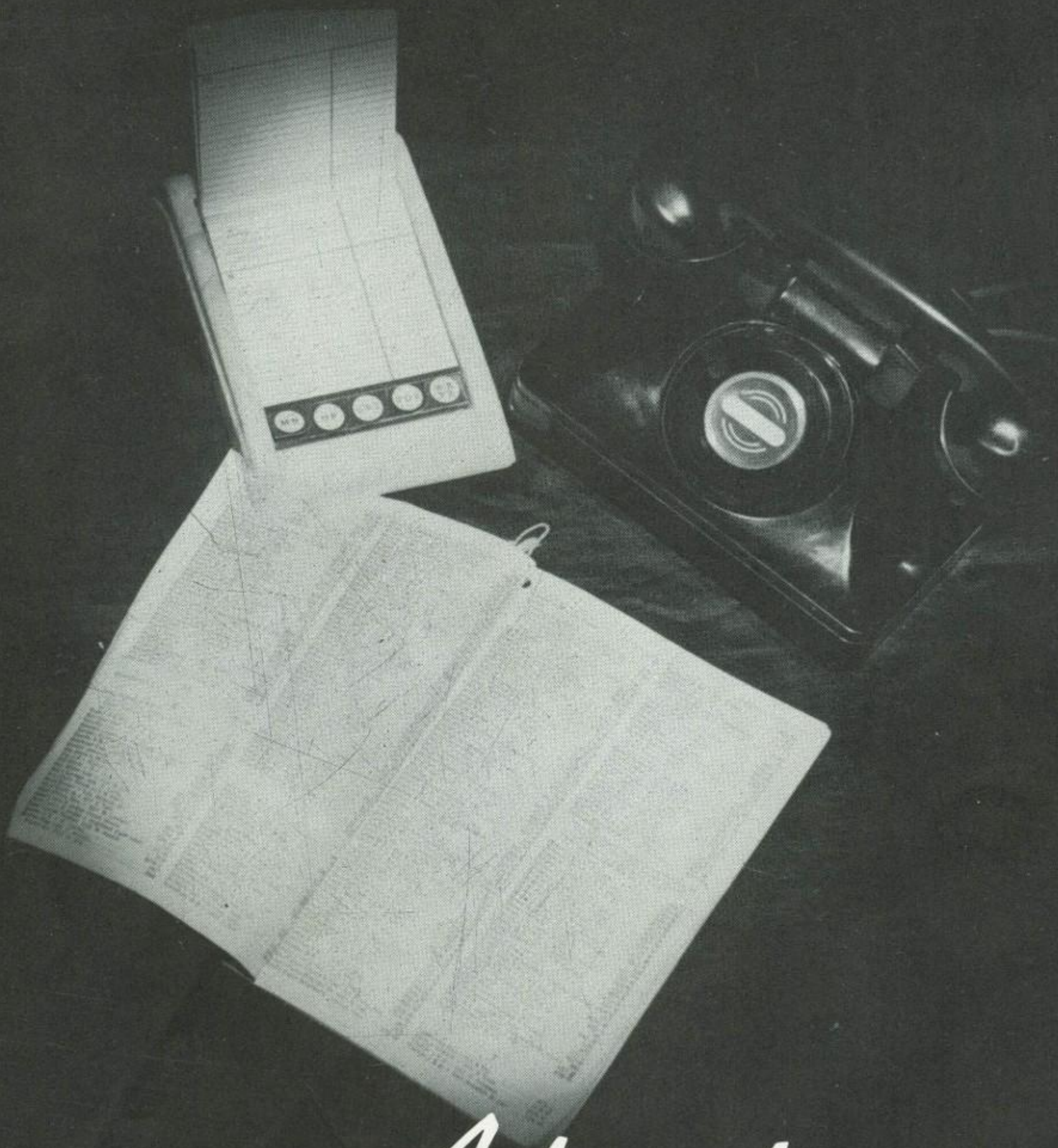
Coach - T. Manly

The First Track Team of Langston High School participated in two track meets.
Bennie Hall set a record for both the Discus Throw and the Broad Jump in the Western District Meet.



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